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CHICAGO POLICE GUARDING HOMES RANIERI JURORS

Sentencing of Pair of Kidnapers Ends Trial; Reprisals Feared.

Judge Also Received Death Threat, Refuses Protection.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(A)—Fear of revenge by friends of two convicted kidnapers of Billy Ranieri today caused the police to post guards about the homes of the jurors who convicted the kidnapers Sunday morning.

The jury, which convicted Angelo Pettiti and Andrew Cappellano of the kidnaping and fixed their punishment at twenty-five years imprisonment, was escorted home under police protection and policemen were assigned to watch over the jurors' homes while other policemen guarded the homes of Frank Ranieri, father of the kidnaped boy, Mike Divito, threatened with death for testifying for the state, and the state prosecutors.

Fear Anti-Climax.
CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(A)—The Ranieri kidnap trial today ended, but an anti-climax, feared by police, left consternation in the homes of the twelve jurors and principal witnesses for the prosecution.

The apprehension that death threats and the slaying of a prosecution witness instilled in the jurors, state prosecutors and Judge Robert E. Gentzel during the trial continued, with police fearing reprisals for conviction of the two kidnapers of 10-year-old Billy Ranieri.

Detectives guarded the homes of the twelve men who yesterday sentenced Andrew Cappellano and Pettiti to twenty-five years in the penitentiary for having held the lad captive for \$60,000 ransom.

A heavy guard also was maintained about the homes of A. A. Ranieri, father of Billy, and Mike Divito, who had testified for the prosecution. Letters threatening death were sent both Ranieri and Divito during the trial.

Judge Is Unafraid.
Judge Gentzel, who also received a death threat, refused protection. He commended the jurors for their patience with the case and thanked them for their "service to the county."

Pettiti and Cappellano sat stoically as the jurors returned with the verdict, nearly five hours after they had heard the prosecutors demand the death penalty.

As it was read Pettiti smirked and shook hands with George Guenther, defense attorney. Cappellano stared straight ahead as his wife, the mother of nine children, broke into a paroxysm of sobbing.

Tony Cappellano, son of Andrew, also charged with the kidnaping, was acquitted. In their closing arguments, prosecuting attorneys indicated they would not be averse to freeing Tony.

Guenther immediately made a motion for a new trial and the hearing was set for January 25.

ENVOY HOWARD INVITES U. S. TO SENDS EXPERTS
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ed to inquire whether the United States government will agree to American experts taking part in the work of the proposed committee, which is to deal with the final settlement of the problem, and whether, if so, the United States government would be ready to propose the names of such experts.

The British ambassador explained to the secretary of state that if the United States government agrees to this the experts proposed will be appointed jointly by the reparations commission and the German government, but if the United States should prefer to leave the choice of American experts to the reparations commission, they will agree on the names of the experts to be invited. In that case the experts will also be appointed jointly by the reparations commission and the German government.

Will Confer Again.
Secretary Kellogg said he would have another conference with Mr. Hoover later and until that time he could not say what the reply of the American government to the proposal would be.

Dispatches from Paris last Saturday indicated that Mr. Ambassador Howard had been given the invitation to the conference some time before.

A memorandum issued at the French foreign office read in part: "It is highly desirable in the common interest that, besides the experts to be designated by each of the six governments which participated in the above mentioned Geneva decision, a citizen of the United States should also take part in the work of the committee of experts."

Should Be Independent.
The experts, the memorandum said, should be "independent, with international reputation, recognized authorities in their own countries and not bound by instructions from their governments."

These qualifications were in line with those which, it was indicated Friday, would prove acceptable to President Coolidge. The invitation was said to be "independent, with international reputation, recognized authorities in their own countries and not bound by instructions from their governments."

A Million Christmas Trees Cut In Maine
PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 24.—(A. P.)—More than a million Christmas trees were cut in the territory of the Maine Central railroad, according to figures made public by the company today.

The railroad handled 729 cars. In addition it received 158 cars from other roads.

Aged Man Burns to Death in Covered-Wagon Home



Ruins of the covered-wagon home of Zachariah Mithem, 92 years old, who burned to death when the wagon caught fire early Sunday morning. The wagon was located near the C. F. Walker residence at 944 Oak street, a short distance from the banks of Oak creek.

HELDMAN HELD TO GRAND JURY TO GRAND JURY

Further Probe of Man Whose Wife Killed Ohio Coal Dealer.

CANTON, O., Dec. 24.—(A)—William O. Heldman, Lorain furnace salesman, will be held to the grand jury for further investigation of his account of the deaths of his young wife and Vernon E. Fearn, Canton coal dealer, it was decided by authorities today.

The next regular grand jury session will be held early in January and it is probable that the case will be taken up at that time. All of the witnesses who have appeared so far will in the investigation be called to testify and their testimony will determine the course to be taken, Harter said.

HOEVERS PLAN CHRISTMAS DAY ON BOARD SHIP
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of the American Red Cross and upon taking over the presidency will be the president of the American organization.

Other gifts from Brazil included a set of books on engineering and other subjects, a dozen boxes of cigars and a picture of Rio Janeiro. The picture was probably treasured most highly as he was more impressed with the Brazilian capital than any other port visited in the long years of his travels.

Watches Fireworks Display.
In bidding farewell to Rio Janeiro, Mr. Hoover stood on the deck as the Utah passed out to sea amid a wonderful display of fireworks. The display began opposite the anchorage of the Utah and lasted until the mouth of harbor four miles distant was reached. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hoover stood by the rail watching the display which emanated from myriad mountains as the searchlights in unparallelled pageantry shined to the most colorful farewell that Mr. Hoover received on his whole Latin American tour.

As Mr. Hoover sailed away the whole Brazilian capital was ringing with the cheers for him. The general opinion was that he carried with him the genuine friendship, admiration and esteem of the Brazilian people. This had been manifested in unparalleled pageantry during his visit and in spontaneous popular outbursts.

Mr. Hoover's last day in Brazil began with morning church services. Then he was luncheon host at the United States embassy, with Ambassador Morgenthau, to President Washington Luis and later at the request of the Brazilian president he went to the Jockey club race track where the usual Sunday afternoon races were held.

Visits Races.
The appeal was made to Mr. Hoover that thousands of workmen and others accustomed to go to the races on their only holiday of the week would be unable to see him unless he consented to visit the track. One race was named the Hoover sweepstakes and President Luis escorted Mr. Hoover to the presidential box amid the acclaim of the multitude.

Following the farewell luncheon the Brazilian military band of 120 pieces, uniformed in white, crimson and gold, and with plumed brass helmets, drew up before the embassy and played the Star Spangled Banner. The band from the Utah stationed inside the embassy grounds played the Brazilian national anthem. As President Luis came to the entrance of the embassy, he was escorted by dragoons and lancers and their swords and helmets flashed in the tropical midsummer sun as their pennants whipped in the breeze.

Later President Luis went to the Utah to say a final word of farewell before the ship sailed north for Key West, Fla.

BUCK'S BOOTERIE IS INCORPORATED
Articles of incorporation were filed Monday morning by Buck's Booterie stores at Norfolk, North Platte, McCook, Fremont, Nebraska City, Fairbury, Beatrice, South Omaha, Fremont, Columbus, Grand Island, Lincoln, Kearney and Omaha. Each of the stores is capitalized at \$20,000 except the Omaha store which is listed at \$100,000, and the South Omaha store which is listed at \$50,000. The incorporators are E. W. Chandler, R. B. Devor, and G. W. Chandler.

Articles of incorporation were also filed by the Farmers Union Co-operative association of Sargent, and the George Creek Cattle company of Townslee.

Five Children Are Killed In Georgia Blast

CARTERSVILLE, Ga., Dec. 24.—(A)—Five children were killed and an undetermined number of persons injured here this afternoon when a stock of fireworks in a small store on Wall street exploded, enveloping the store in flames.

ALLOCATION OF CROPS PROPOSED
Idahoan Explains Plan Providing for Co-operation in Production.

Co-operation in production as well as in marketing is the purpose of an organization formed in Idaho two weeks ago, in the interest of which W. P. Bales of that state is now in Lincoln, his first purpose being to lay the plans of the found-up of the new association before the State Secretary of Agriculture H. J. McLaughlin. At this meeting it is expected arrangements will be made to call a meeting of those interested in agricultural matters in Nebraska.

It is expected that the movement will eventually be nationwide in its scope; that it will be in position to bring about a better growing of the federal government, and that it will vastly benefit the producer of everything grown from the ground, increasing the cost to the consumer.

By cooperation in production it is not meant that the farmers shall pool their lands, but that the different crops shall be so allocated that they can be marketed advantageously, eliminating both surplus and shortage. For instance, it was pointed out by Mr. Bales that there are three sugar factories in his state, but because of the ruin wrought by the white fly, only one of these was operated this year. There being no white fly in Nebraska, it might be more profitable all around to abandon beet growing in Idaho, use the land for some other crop and allow Nebraska and other states without the pest to raise the beet.

The same course of reasoning is applied to all other crops, it being known just what the consumption of each is every year and where the products are sold. If the products are sold where there is a shortage, while the spread between the producer and the consumer will be so contracted as to benefit both. Much waste results from the present lack of system will be eliminated, it is declared.

No name has yet been selected for the organization, nor has a constitution been adopted. These matters, said Mr. Bales, will be attended to after the producers of the country have had the matter laid before them and its advantages have been explained. It is felt that they will not be backward about aligning themselves with the movement.

RUNAWAY RUTH BACK TO TRAIN
Miss McConnell Leaves Plane at Reno on Home-bound Trip.

RENO, Nev., Dec. 24.—(A)—Still trailing Miss Ruth McConnell, prettily 26-year-old New York model, who is returning eastward after having fled to San Francisco from Rochester, N. Y., Francis Bowhan, Omaha pilot, hopped off from the Reno air mail field at 8:45 a. m. today for Salt Lake City.

Bowhan brought Miss McConnell and D. O. Meeker, Rochester medical student, to Reno by air Saturday and his passengers departed a few hours later by train for Ogden, Utah. The airman declined to state whether he was to meet the two in Salt Lake City.

Miss McConnell, accompanied by Meeker, is understood to be on her way to Indianapolis, where her parents live.

Meeker pursued the girl across the continent last week and chartered Bowhan's plane at Omaha in an unsuccessful attempt to overtake her on an overland limited train. The medical student said Miss McConnell was his patient and that he had been commissioned by Kenneth B. Coulter, wealthy New York broker, to go after her.

The explanation given by Miss McConnell of her disappearance from Rochester was that she had fled to escape marriage proposals from Coulter, a friend of the family, and too solicitous care by physicians retained by Coulter and her family.

THINK TRAPP IN LYNCH BANK JOB

Condit Says Man Held Has Been Partially Identified.

Belief that Owen Trapp, one of the three men being held here in connection with the kidnaping and robbery of a jewelry salesman near Fremont, has been partially identified as having been connected with the attempted robbery of the Bank of Lynch, was expressed by State Sheriff Condit Monday morning.

Men from Lynch who came to Lincoln Sunday, with Sheriff Barnes are said to have identified Trapp as one of the three stickups who hid in the Lynch bank and attempted to force R. H. Harris, president, to turn over the bank's cash to them. Harris frustrated the attempted robbery by attacking one of the men, who fled out the rear door of the bank and escaped in a waiting automobile.

Condit also said that shoe prints found on a piece of cardboard in the Weber store at Spaulding following a robbery had linked Trapp up with that job.

Almost exhausted he managed to drag himself to the front porch of Jack Dunn residence, 714 South Seventeenth street, called Dunn out of bed, asked him to call the police station, and fainted. A load of officers arrived in short order, and secured the vicinity for Robbins' assailants without success.

Officer Leaves Hospital.
Detective Schrupp, meanwhile, has been released from the Lincoln General hospital where he remained unconscious. An examination by Dr. George E. Lewis, city physician, revealed severe bumps on his head, which he received in the Lincoln abrasion on one elbow and bruises all over his abdomen and left leg. He was enough better Monday to be released from the hospital but not be on duty for several days.

The couple which was wrecked belonged to Harvey J. Seng 1113 Rose street, and was stolen from a behind the hardware shop at Hallam early Sunday night. Police believe Detective Towle and Davis went to Hallam Monday morning to investigate and after talking with Seng's brother, Edwin, were convinced that the car was taken from the garage, presumably by "floaters" or transients.

N. W. Morse, 716 South Seventeenth street, who lives at 716 South Seventeenth street, and G. E. Minor, 1630 G street, all were awakened when the car smashed into the telephone pole, and heard the car driven off by a man and Lieutenant Rymer who investigated. The wrecked car was towed into the police station where it is being held.

COUNTRESS LOSES OUT ALL AROUND
Her Art School Closed; Partner In Jail; Faces Divorce.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 24.—(A)—Having found no grounds for the charges, authorities today released Charles F. Faye, former convict, who had been held for investigation in connection with promotion of a \$23,000 art school scheme in which he was associated with the Countess de Touraine, better known as Mrs. Pearl Hussey Flanagan of Wichita.

Thomas J. Conway, assistant prosecutor, said if there was any fraud in the dealings with Grosvenor or Barron of Kingman, Kas., as Mrs. Faye's partner, the Countess de Touraine and the countess and the Countess de Touraine, better known as Mrs. Pearl Hussey Flanagan of Wichita, it was committed in Kansas, and Missouri authorities had no jurisdiction.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—(A)—The Countess de Touraine, better known in her home city of Wichita, Kas., as Mrs. Pearl Hussey Flanagan, whose \$23,000 art school scheme was given a setback by attachment proceedings here Saturday, was reported to have left the city today to raise money to get her co-promoter, Charles F. Faye, former convict, out of jail.

The countess, who acquired her title several years ago when a French priest presented to her the Chateau de Touraine in southern France for the establishment of an art school for American students of small means, was deprived of her personal belongings and clothing, except that on her back, under attachment proceedings brought by a disillusioned investor in the art school scheme, Grosvenor Barron of Kingman, Kas.

Faye was held today while authorities pondered whether criminal charges should be brought him. He admitted having served prison terms in Kansas and Wyoming for forgery.

Where the countess obtained the clothing necessary to leave her hotel room was not learned. Her husband, J. M. Flanagan, Wichita undertaker, said she was no longer his wife and that he would start divorce proceedings.

The countess, known on American and European concert stages as "Pearl Hussey," and Faye explained that their plan was to sell 1,000,000 shares of stock in the school corporation and reinvest the funds in such a manner that the company would have a value of \$23,000,000.

Prince Goes On Hunt Near Home
LONDON, Dec. 24.—(A)—The Prince of Wales went hunting today with the Quorn hounds the first time since his return from Africa.

The recent improvement in King George's condition was stated to have warranted his going farther afield than Buckingham palace.

A BANK HELD UP BY TWO MEN

Escape With Undetermined Amount; Drag Net Is Spread.

FENTON, Ia., Dec. 24.—(A)—The Fenton State bank was robbed of an unknown amount of cash by two bandits this morning.

Driving into town in a mud-spattered coupe, without license plates, they entered the bank with drawn revolvers, where they forced Cashier F. C. Bailey and Assistant Cashier Bohn to lie on the floor while they gathered up the loot.

After the robbery they drove east from here on the gravel highway. Police officials and vigilantes within a radius of seventy-five miles were notified of the robbery by Sheriff Lehouey of Algona and are on the lookout for the thieves.

The men were described as being between 35 and 40 years old, about five feet, ten inches tall, and of dark complexion.

They had been seen around Little Rock, Ia., town, six miles from here, for several days last week. They were seen in Algona, also, last week, driving a car with the stolen license, Iowa 48-6384.

Car Hits Telephone Pole.
Determined to stop them the officer shot out the other rear tire as the speeders were nearing G street. The coupe swerved to one side and smashed into a telephone pole. As the pair jumped out and started to run away, Robbins tackled one and grappled with him. The other escaped, but the police officer, came up behind the officer and hit him over the back of the head with a flashlight.

The men soon had Robbins down. One of the men, who was wearing a hat, asked him to call the police station, and fainted. A load of officers arrived in short order, and secured the vicinity for Robbins' assailants without success.

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LINCOLN MAN, 92, BURNS TO DEATH IN WAGON - HOME
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ceeded in carrying out the charred body of Mr. Mithem.

Mr. Mithem had been living in the covered wagon since the death of his wife, who was killed at the Walker residence but stayed and slept in his wagon. His son, Archie, 63 years old, lives alone in another covered wagon several rods away.

Archie had erected a covered wagon he erected numerous skeletons of tin and sheet iron in which he stored the junk he collected. It has only been within the last year that he began to make his home in Belmont and West Lincoln homes to gather old rags and other discarded articles.

When Mr. Mithem became ill recently, County Physician R. H. Sawyer endeavored to persuade the old man to move to the county farm but he refused to do so. His son tried to get him to rent a small house in Belmont but Mr. Mithem preferred the wagon. County Deputy Davis investigated the burning of the wagon Sunday morning and while the cause of the blaze is not known, it is believed to have been accidental.

Surviving Mr. Mithem are two sons, Archie and Bert, and a sister, Mrs. E. D. Miller. Bert Mithem lives in West Lincoln and Mrs. Miller resides in Omaha.

George Foster Peabody Undergoes Operation
BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 24.—(A)—George Foster Peabody, philanthropist and former national democratic treasurer, was operated on in Johns Hopkins hospital today. His physicians reported that Mr. Peabody had undergone the operation "very successfully" and his condition was reported as being "highly satisfactory."

SECOND RUNAWAY VICTIM IS DEAD
WINNEBAGO, Neb., Dec. 24.—(A)—Mrs. Mary Fremont, wife of Charles Fremont of Decatur, was injured in a runaway last Wednesday, died in a hospital here today. Miss Adeline Gilpin, sister of Mrs. Fremont, who was driving the team, was killed instantly.

Boulder Dam Bill Becomes a Law



Irrigation for seven states is promised in the revised Boulder dam bill calling for a \$165,000,000 flood control, irrigation and power project on the Colorado river, passed by the house and now bearing the signature of President Coolidge. Photos show, left above, the site of the proposed dam on the Colorado; right, President Coolidge as he appears when signing a bill; center, his signature; below, Representatives and Senators who signed the bill, with a map showing the states benefiting by the legislation.

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JOYOUS EVENTS FOR COOLIDGES

President to Light Community Tree; Carols Will Be Sung.

Executive Leaves Tuesday for Sapelo Island Trip.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(A)—Lured by tropical breezes and abundant opportunity to indulge in his favorite recreations of shooting and fishing, President Coolidge today made preparations for an early departure for the Georgia island which he has chosen as the scene of his Christmas vacation.

Christmas eve found the presidential engagement list blank and the executive offices closed to callers. By Mr. Coolidge's own decree the day was a holiday for all government workers in the District of Columbia giving them three consecutive days away from business. The president will be accompanied by his wife and daughter, who are expected to spend a large part of the day at his desk, clearing up last minute business matters, in order that he may begin his vacation unworried by the press of public affairs.

This evening, Mr. Coolidge will light Washington's community Christmas tree and later, in the afternoon, will preside at a lighted Christmas tree in the White House. The president and Mrs. Coolidge are expected to spend a large part of the day at his desk, clearing up last minute business matters, in order that he may begin his vacation unworried by the press of public affairs.

Bomb to Announce Lighting.
As Mr. Coolidge presses the button of Washington's community Christmas tree and later, in the afternoon, will preside at

AWAITING REPLY
IN-PEACE PLANS

Bolivia's Answer to Pan-American Questionnaire Needed.

Paraguayan Note Said to be Favorable to Conciliation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Only the reply of Bolivia is needed to set the committee named to help adjust the Bolivian-Paraguayan quarrel to work. Paraguay's reply to a questionnaire from the committee was received last night.

The committee, named by the Pan-American conference on conciliation and arbitration, felt that the questionnaire was comparatively easy to answer and some uncertainty was expressed when the two countries were seemingly slow in answering. Paraguay's message played some of this concern, and Diego de Medina, Bolivian minister, has said that he expects to hear from his government soon.

The Paraguayan note was not made public, but the legend here said its terms were favorable to conciliation and peace. The questionnaire had asked both governments to define the controversy and to state their preferences as to the constitution of a conciliation tribunal.

Arbitration Treaty. The Bolivian-Paraguayan conference has claimed much of the attention of the conference, which met to discuss framing a new arbitration treaty.

Some progress has been made, however, toward drawing up a pact but just at present differences have arisen over its provisions.

Eighteen of the twenty republics here are said to favor inclusion in the proposed treaty of a clause which would exempt from compulsory arbitration international disputes arising from questions "which in conformity with the legislation of each contracting party belong to the internal jurisdiction of the state." The spokesman for these delegations is Dr. Enrique Olaya of Colombia.

The other delegations, among which is understood to be that of the United States, want this clause to contain the further provision that such differences be excepted from compulsory arbitration, provided that such legislation does not violate the principles of international law.

FACHOT MUCH IMPROVED. PARIS, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Charles Fachot, public prosecutor, who was shot by an Alsatian automist, made such pronounced improvement overnight that his doctors said today that he was out of danger unless unforeseen complications developed.

New Record.



Viola Gentry, New York girl flyer, set a new solo endurance flight record for women when she remained in the air 8 hours, 6 minutes and 37 seconds at Roosevelt field.

CONCORD RESIDENT INSTANTLY KILLED

Nelson Is Thrown Through Windshield When Car Strikes Loose Gravel and Overturns.

WAYNE, Neb., Dec. 24.—(AP)—N. C. B. Nelson, 57, Concord, Neb., harness maker, was killed instantly Sunday noon on the highway three miles north of here when his car skidded in loose gravel and turned over. Nelson was thrown through the windshield and cut by glass. His wife was uninjured, though thrown through the top of the car.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson were driving to Carroll, to visit relatives when the accident occurred as they were turning a corner on the highway.

KING GEORGE'S
FAMILY UNITED

Duke of Gloucester Is Last of Three Sons to Reach Home.

Ruler's Progress Following Favorable But Slow Course.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—King George was doing probably as well as could be expected today in the slow progress from the depths into which his grave illness had plunged him and there was a united family at Buckingham palace for the holidays.

The last of the three sons who were in distant parts of the world, the Duke of Gloucester, arrived today, having been taken gravely ill more than a month ago, returned to the palace today. The arrival of the Duke of Gloucester a fortnight after the Prince of Wales and a few days after his younger brother, Prince George, completed the family party.

The duke, who reached Southampton from South Africa early today, stepped through the portals of Buckingham palace in the middle of the forenoon shortly before his father's physicians issued this bulletin.

The king has had a quiet night. The local condition continues to show progress. The general condition remains unchanged.

The Duke of Gloucester's arrival at the royal residence after a quick motor trip from the coast was so unexpectedly early that the small crowd outside the palace was unaware of his return home until some time afterward. Even royal household officials, who had been expecting him later in the day, were not present to receive him when he arrived at the private door at the side of the palace. He went straight to his own apartments, where he will stay for the time being.

Greeted by Queen Mary, who affectionately greeted the last of her returning sons.

The duke had driven his own car from Southampton, a distance of more than seventy-eight miles, in two hours and twenty minutes despite "greasy" roads. The returning son found the atmosphere of the palace, which was one of deep anxiety when he started his trip from South Africa, one of subdued optimism as to the outcome of his majesty's illness.

While physicians today were unable to report any further definite improvement in his general condition, it was pointed out in authoritative quarters that so gradual and slight is the progress made that it is often impossible for the doctors to detect any change in the patient's condition in the interval between one bulletin and another.

The cumulative effect, however, of a number of small gains forward made it possible for them to say that the king was definitely in a much better position than a week ago.

Assurances were given that nothing has taken place to check the course of the king's progress thus far and the doctors were stated to be satisfied with the things going. There was a distinct air of hopefulness among household officials this morning.

NORRIS MAKES TRUST CHARGES

Nebraska Criticizes Public Utilities in Baltimore Talk.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Charging that the "power trust" is in the government from top to bottom, Senator George W. Norris, progressive republican of Nebraska, told members of the Baltimore open forum in the course of an address here Sunday that the people would have to take over the "power trust" in order to keep business out of politics.

Senator Norris, in his address which was titled "Save the Schools," referred to the distribution of propaganda in schools of the nation by public utilities, as developed by a congressional investigation, and deplored the secrecy which he charged surrounded the entire activities of the power companies in this line.

Turning to attempts to control legislation, Senator Norris said that \$300,000 had been appropriated in one year by utilities for this purpose, "principally in the senate, which has less than 100 members."

He said that bribes were offered as "the matter was handled in other ways."

In this connection he cited a \$20,000 retainer fee paid to a former senator, who appeared before a senate committee, and added that "they never employed him for his ability as an attorney and it is believed in the senate he was paid \$19,995 more than his services were worth."

In reply to a question, Senator Norris said that he believed all that was needed to eliminate the "danger of the power trust" was to expose the propaganda. "Let the people know the truth and they'll take care of the schools," he said.

Today

1929 Starts Soon. Bears, Beware. Wasted Values. Millions Die, What of It?

By Arthur Brisbane.

Christmas tomorrow, and a week later, the first day of 1929. What sort of year will it be for the world, for this country, and for the individual?

Like a man half-heartedly swearing off, in the morning, the world is trying to give up war. And this country, which never started a war against Europe, is expected to do most of the reforming. It's like asking Moody and Sankey to sign the pledge first, or entreating the Rev. Dr. Stratton not to believe in Darwin.

The individual must solve his own problem with the use of will power. "The heart knoweth his own bitterness."

Each of us knows what is wrong with him, and what he ought to do. Few of us do it. Nations know what they ought to do. None of them do it. Europe ought to stop fighting, and can't. We ought to mind our own business, and can't.

For American prosperity, the outlook is good. Prosperity demands action and the spending of money. This present prosperity is based on the pouring out of a hundred billions in the war.

Herbert Hoover is coming in. He will get action, and will spend money wisely. Business will boom.

The pessimists and the bears have days of sorrow ahead.

Great are the values that go to waste. When Spaniards brought bricks of silver down from the ancient Cerro de Pasco mine on Lamas, they tossed aside the copper taken out. It was not worth transportation. It's worth millions now.

In sugar mills the problem was to get rid of the "bagasse," ground up cane from which sugar had been taken. Now excellent building material is made of that waste stuff and Hawaii is starting to make paper of it.

The greatest of all waste goes on inside the human brain, of which 999 one-thousandths remain idle and unused, even in well managed brains. Millions of brains do not work at all. Remember and repeat, never create.

But that will change. Consider what ants and other insects accomplish, having been here many million years ahead of us. We are only 12,000 years from the late stone age, which is the most encouraging fact in history. Give men 10 to 50 million more years with deepening convolutions, and inherited knowledge, and see what they will do.

A mud wisp, as Fabre shows, is born knowing how to perform a most delicate surgical operation, difficult for a skilled man. New born human babies, 50,000,000 years hence will know more of mathematics than Newton knew when he died, more of music than Beethoven, and Bach combined.

It is predicted that 2,000,000 will die in Kansu province this winter, about half the population. Famine and cold will kill the greater number. Mohammedan fanatics, continuing their massacres, for the glory of Allah, will kill the others.

Kansu is 1,000 miles north of Shanghai, and when asked why so little is done for the miserable people of Kansu, Shanghai answers "they are so far away."

No wonder they seem far away to us. What we do not actually see, distance us from. Famine in China, very mild sympathy, earthquake destroying all life on the planet Mars, no sympathy at all, only scientific curiosity.

Uncle Sam, convinced that his officials are not honest or able enough of shipping, as fast as he can. That suits the British. They do not like competition with this government and its long purse. But they are not at all afraid of our private shipping men. Of them their opinion is small.

Our ship owners had built up a good tourist trade with Cuba, based partly on America's prohibition thirst.

The Cunard line decides to get that trade, and puts fine big steamers on a New York-Cuba winter run. The American Ward line cuts rates 25 per cent in revenge. But the British can run boats more cheaply than our people can, partly because of our legislation.

The king and queen of Afghanistan are shut up in the fortress of Kabul, humiliated by rebellious Afghans. King Amanullah visited England, bought British clothes for his wife and himself, and went home to introduce reforms. These include no veils on women's faces, equal rights for women. Afghan barbarians did not like that, hence the trouble.

Fortunately for British women and children the Kabul fortress has plenty of room for airplane landing. British planes were sent to take out

Aviation Attracts
Girls From Stage,
Business, Society

ROOSEVELT FIELD, N. Y., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Three young women, representing society, business and the stage, were qualified today to take examinations for aviators' licenses after all three had made successful solo flights the same day.

Miss Betty Huyler, a member of the Huyler family which operates the candy stores, Miss Grace Ingals, a hotel stenographer, and Miss Barbara Bright, an actress, took planes up from this field yesterday, put their machines through the prescribed maneuvers and landed them without mishap.

Officials of the flying school at the field, in which the three were students, said they believed it was the first time three women have made initial solo flights from the same field on the same day.

The fact three girls soloed for the first time on one day is an indication of the way women are going in for aviation. Lieutenant H. B. Clark, director of the school said:

GOTHAM POLICE PUSH CLEANUP

Opening Drive on Underworld Jams Cells to Overflowing.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Cells at police headquarters were filled today as a result of the first drive against the underworld by Police Commissioner Whelan's reorganized detective bureau.

A weekend cleanup, which was conducted without specific orders from the newly appointed police head, netted more than 100 suspects, ranging from persons wanted on murder charges to ordinary panhandlers.

From the precinct stations suspects were transferred to police headquarters to await appearance in the daily lineup. Long before the drive had been completed accommodations at headquarters were exhausted and orders were issued to hold the overflow in station house cells.

Unofficial word that the subordinates in the detective bureau who failed to show records would follow their former chief, Inspector John D. Coughlin, out of the organization was said to have inspired the activity.

Manager of Fremont Garage Loses Life

Car Leaves Highway, Striking Tree and Price Receives Injuries Which Are Fatal.

FREMONT, Neb., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Herbert M. Price, 27, manager of the Hi-Way service garage here, died last night of injuries suffered earlier in the day when an automobile which he was driving left the road and crashed into a tree on the Lincoln highway west of here.

Price's skull was crushed and he never regained consciousness. He was the son of William Price, pioneer Saunders county farmer, and lived all his life on his father's farm before coming to Fremont six years ago.

Price is survived by his widow and a small daughter.

the British women and children yesterday also women from India. Killing Hindus is an Afghan pastime. The Afghans say that Britain, fighting plague and famine in India, thus adding one hundred millions to India's population, has committed a crime. Perhaps they have. It is dangerous to interfere with nature's processes of elimination.

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FOUR PERISH AS
AIRPLANE BURNS

Ship Crashes Against Roof in Take-off at Chattanooga Field.

Sole Survivor Thinks Tragedy Caused by Cold Motor.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 24.—(AP)—M. W. Rozar, sole survivor of an airplane tragedy near Marr field which caused the immediate death of four persons, today attributed the accident to a cold motor which failed to gain altitude after the take-off early yesterday morning.

Rozar of Chicago, who is traveling representative for a Macon, Ga., firm, was semi-conscious after the crash, but succeeded in extricating himself from the wreckage and crawled away from the burning plane after the gasoline tank had exploded.

Companions on the disastrous flight over the newly established Chicago-Atlanta air mail line, could not liberate themselves and perished in the flames.

Victims included: Charles H. Shield of Louisville, Ky., pilot; Raymond D. Harris, another pilot who was making a study of the new air route; C. P. Mayer, St. Elmo, Tenn., and G. L. Burnette of Chicago.

Making Holiday Trip. Both Mayer and Burnette were enroute to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Atlanta and Macon, Ga., respectively.

Rozar said Shield experienced difficulty in priming and starting the motor, and after racing the engine about ten minutes, started down the 4,000 foot runway of the new airport.

The plane was about six feet above ground at the end of the field, and a railroad embankment directly ahead caused the pilot to bank to the right, apparently expecting to clear the obstruction and gain altitude, according to the survivor. Instead, the plane lost altitude by the maneuver, and an instant later crashed against a roof, rebounded against a tree and finally ploughed into a garage.

Cabin Collapses. "After the crash I was so excited I did not realize what we had struck, but I faintly recalled that the cabin had collapsed and that there was no door near me," Rozar declared. "I don't know how I finally released myself, but I struggled somehow until I wrenched myself clear."

"Everything went black to me until I heard an explosion and screams of agony behind me. I remembered turning around when I heard screams and it seemed to me that something was holding me fast. Nevertheless, I continued in

Duke of Gloucester
Arrives at Palace

LONDON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The Duke of Gloucester arrived at Buckingham Palace at 9 a. m. today, completing his trip from east Africa where he was hunting when King George was taken ill.

SOUTHAMPTON, Eng., Dec. 24.—(AP)—The Duke of Gloucester arrived at Southampton today on the steamship Balmoral Castle, which brought him from Capetown, South Africa. He left in a motor car for London to go to the bedside of his father, King George. His arrival completed the royal family for the Christmas celebration.

The duke had an early breakfast aboard the liner before most of the passengers had stirred, after which he posed on the upper deck for a photograph and after thanking the captain for an enjoyable voyage said farewell to him.

The duke took the wheel of an automobile which was waiting for him and started off for London in a drizzly rain.

my effort to get away. My last recollection was that the wreckage was enveloped in flames. Then I awoke in the hospital."

Rozar said that the motor had operated without sign of trouble on the flight to Chattanooga.

The crash will be investigated by inspectors of the department of commerce. T. W. A. R. operating manager of the Interstate Air Lines, Inc., departed in a plane from Chicago last night and planned to make a personal investigation of the tragedy.

INJURIES FATAL
TO YOUNG HERO

Charles Robbins, Who Saved Mother's Life, Dies in Omaha.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 24.—(AP)—After a 36-hour battle to save the life of Charles Robbins, 11-year-old fire hero who, with his brother, Melvin, saved their invalid mother from burning to death last February, the boy died early Sunday of injuries he received in a coasting accident Friday.

Charles never regained consciousness. His chum, John Burghardt, 12, with whom he was riding down a South Side street on a coaster wagon loaded with wood, when struck by an automobile at the foot of the hill, preceded Charles in death two hours.

Floral Robbins, street railway employee, was at his son's bedside when death came. He and the lad's mother are the only surviving members of the family, Melvin having died of burns suffered in rescuing his mother. The parents reside in a house built for them by admirers of Melvin's sacrifice.

For days after the fire Charles hovered between life and death. The heroism of the brothers was honored by the entire city and Robbins school, where Charles was a pupil in the fifth grade, was named after the boys.

F. P. Keegan, driver of the automobile that struck the two youths, is under bond of \$3,000 pending an inquest into the tragedy. Keegan is the superintendent of a cemetery here.

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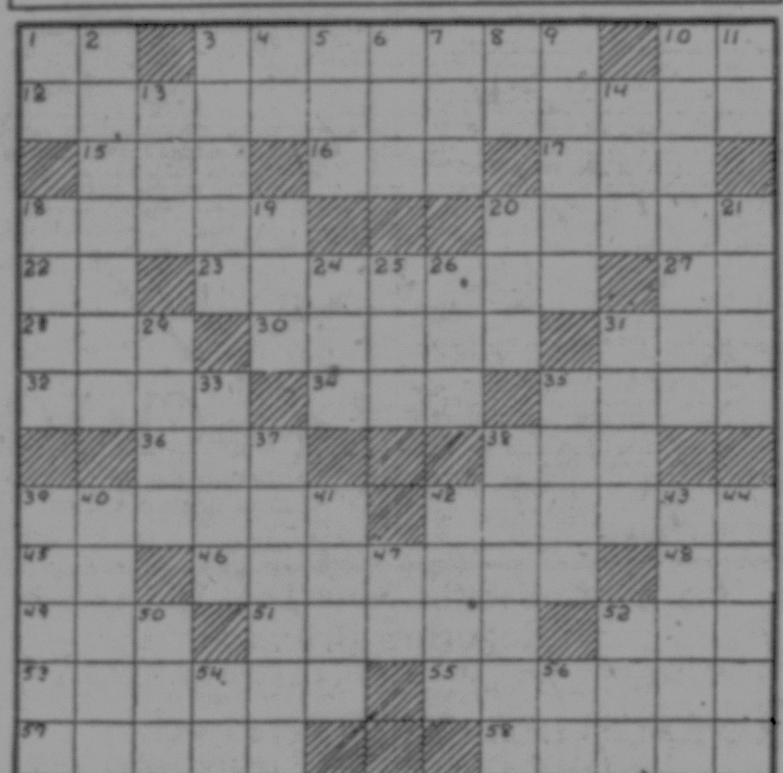
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Today's Cross-Word Puzzle



- HORIZONTAL.**
- 1—River in Siberia.
 - 3—What country is known as "The Emerald Isle"?
 - 5—Exist.
 - 7—Who was U. S. Food Administrator during the World War?
 - 9—Was Dante Gabrielle Rossetti equally known for his paintings as for his poetry?
 - 11—Girl's name.
 - 13—Bustle, noise.
 - 15—What did Andre Maurois name his recent biography of Shelley?
 - 17—Factor, steward, deputy.
 - 19—Proceed.
 - 21—What London prison established in 1218 was demolished in 1902?
 - 23—Exclamation.
 - 25—Abnormally huge.
 - 27—Consumed.
 - 29—Minute particle.
 - 31—What American humorist wrote "A Comic History of the United States"?
 - 33—Cunning.
 - 35—Seize hold of.
 - 37—Interdict.
 - 39—What American poet killed in action wrote "I Have a Rendezvous with Death"?
 - 41—What English traveler and writer made a celebrated translation of "The Arabian Nights"?
 - 43—Within.
 - 45—Reykjavik is capital of what country?
 - 47—Vase (abbr.).
 - 49—Excavated.
 - 51—Who wrote a famous "Ode on a Grecian Urn"?
 - 53—Of what month is the blood-stone the birthstone?
 - 55—What Greek goddess had power over heaven, earth and the underworld?
 - 57—Something owed.
 - 59—What was the ninth day of the Roman calendar called?
- VERTICAL.**
- 1—Exclamation.
 - 3—What Asiatic city in mandated territory is the capital of the Great Lebanon State?
 - 5—Who is the author of the play "Ghosts"?
 - 7—Note in scale.
 - 9—Epoch.
 - 11—Lower limb.
 - 13—Siamese coin.
 - 15—Quaker pronoun.
 - 17—Gain.
 - 19—Joyous.
 - 21—One (Scotch).
 - 23—Hard, dense, porous structure.
 - 25—Female relative.
 - 27—Who were the "wise men" of Biblical reference?
 - 29—Program.
 - 31—What is the missing name of the English archbishop murdered in Canterbury Cathedral? Thomas a
 - 33—What German chemist invented the spectroscope?
 - 35—Took a certain stand on.
 - 37—Come into operation.
 - 39—Plant growing in marshes.
 - 41—What city in S. W. England is famous for its hot springs?
 - 43—Egg-shaped.
 - 45—What English poet wrote "Drake"?
 - 47—Note in scale.
 - 49—Adult male.
 - 51—Note in scale.
 - 53—Prefix meaning together.

Herewith is the solution to Saturday's puzzle.

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Tire Taken—The spare tire was stolen off a car belonging to H. Monovitz while it was parked in back of his home Sunday night.
Bicycle Stolen—George McKenney's bicycle was stolen from his home at 710 South Third-second street Sunday night.
Suit Taken from Car—A suit belonging to E. C. Hill, Jr., of Dawson, was stolen from his car while it was parked in front of 2117 South Ninth street Sunday night.
Couple Arrested—Arrested Saturday night for disorderly conduct, John Matthews was fined \$25 and Edna Wonders ordered held after trial in Municipal court Monday.
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Municipal Coal and Gasoline station closed Christmas day—Gasoline 17c. Bingo Hi-Test 19c. tax included. Coal station offers Petroleum Carbon at \$14.25, Potomac Paris Semi \$12.75—delivered. Other coals similarly priced—Adv.
Christmas flowers, plants, baskets, wreaths and candles at moderate prices. Open Monday evening and Christmas morning at 10th and N. One block south of O. Phone B5500—Griswold Seed & Nursery Co. (The original Griswold Co.)—Adv.
Cracker's are open till 9 o'clock Monday in order to take care of your delivery on a Maletic Radio or a Grand Piano purchased on Monday. A wonderful selection in permanent Xmas gifts; De Soto all electric, 8-tube Radios at \$105 complete. RCA Radios at \$145 up. Sonora Melodion, Brunswick Radiola, Columbia Kolat combinations \$250 to \$900 and exquisite new Grand Pianos \$390 up. You'll be satisfied with a purchase from Cracker's, 1210 O St.—Adv.
The Big Gift Shop, Geo. Bros.—Adv.

Stolen Cars

Roadster belonging to Frank Kinnman, stolen Saturday night from 2602 W street, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.
Coach belonging to Glenn Cook, 811 North Twenty-seventh street, stolen early Monday morning from O street.
Coupe belonging to J. B. Hoffman, 514 North Eighteenth street, stolen from his home Friday night.
Sedan belonging to M. E. Thurber, 2800 street, stolen Sunday morning from O street.
These articles were in the baskets.

Large can of corn, can of tomatoes, can of milk, two large loaves of bread, bunch of celery, peck of potatoes, 2 pounds of onions, 2 pounds sugar, large carton outmeal, half pound of coffee, half pound butter, dozen large apples, 5-pound sack of flour, a copy of the War Cry, and a large string chicken. There were two chickens for large families.

GAGE FARMS SOLD.
(Special to The Star.)
BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 24.—The late George Steed and situated four miles west of Pilley, was sold at administrator's sale to Walter Erickson, banker at Pilley, for \$75 in cash. The farm is not very well improved.

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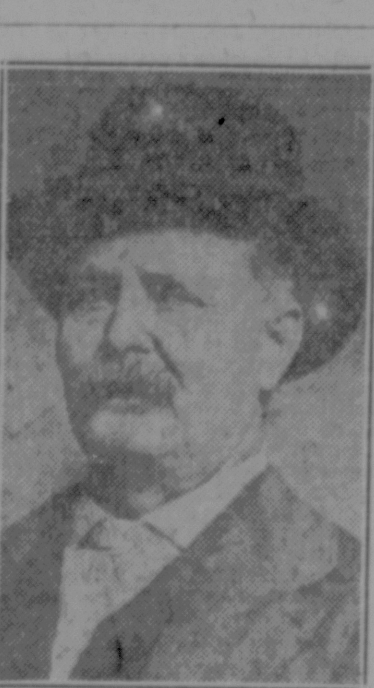
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JOSEPH W. SMITH FUNERAL MONDAY



JOSEPH W. SMITH.
An early day grocer of Lincoln who passed away Saturday at the soldiers' home at Grand Island. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Hodgman's chapel. Burial was at Malcom.

CHRISTMAS FOOD GIVEN TO NEEDY

More Than 300 Baskets are Distributed Monday by Salvation Army.

More than 300 bushel baskets of Christmas cheer in the form of food was distributed Monday afternoon by the Salvation Army. Except in those cases where the recipient of the basket was unable to make the trip, the baskets were given out at the headquarters on North Eleventh street. The gifts to county dependents and to the sick were delivered by volunteers.
By the time the army was ready to start the delivery a large crowd had gathered, each person to receive a basket bearing a check showing that the name had been cleared through the Community Chest social service exchange. Charles W. Taylor, director of the Community Chest, and other members of the army advisory board watched the distribution.
More than fifty people took part in the preparation and delivery of the baskets, and were several days completing the arrangement. Money for the food was raised by solicitors on the streets. Enough was raised in that way, in the opinion of Adjutant Ward today, to pay for the candies and nuts that will be distributed by a Santa Claus Wednesday at the Christmas party Wednesday evening. When he starts his rounds, he also will distribute 500 toys given to the Army after having been repaired by city firemen.
Tuesday night there will be a street meeting followed by a Christmas service in the hall.
These articles were in the baskets:

Large can of corn, can of tomatoes, can of milk, two large loaves of bread, bunch of celery, peck of potatoes, 2 pounds of onions, 2 pounds sugar, large carton outmeal, half pound of coffee, half pound butter, dozen large apples, 5-pound sack of flour, a copy of the War Cry, and a large string chicken. There were two chickens for large families.

Christmas Services St. John's Church

Special Christmas services will be held tonight and Tuesday morning at the St. John's Lutheran church. Eleventh and Plum streets. A liturgical service and the presentation of gifts to the children takes place at night, beginning at 7 o'clock. Dr. L. McAllister will sing, "Silent Night." The services at 10:30 Tuesday morning will be in German. The pastor, Rev. Friedrich Rabe, will give a sermon on the topic, "Our Christmas Gift—A Bright Light in Our Darkness and a Great Joy in Our Sorrows." Dr. L. McAllister will sing, "Nazareth by Charles Gounod. Communion will be observed.

LABORITE MEMBER PARLIAMENT DEAD FROM ALCOHOLISM

LONDON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—A corner's inquest was held today into the sudden death of Benjamin Charles Spoor, labor member of parliament. The coroner returned a verdict that he died of a syncope from fatty degeneration of the heart and liver due to chronic alcoholism.

Another vacancy in the laborite representation in parliament was created by the death yesterday of George Henry Warner, labor member for Wansbek since 1922 and trustee of the Northumberland miners' society. He was 47 years of age.

The conservative party lost Sir George Hutchinson, who expired Saturday. He had represented his party as member for North Midlothian since 1924.

EARL DIES SUDDENLY.
LONDON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The Earl of Dalhousie died suddenly today at the age of 50. He succeeded to the title when only 9 years of age. His father died of shock the day after his mother had succumbed to sudden illness while crossing the Atlantic.

BRITISH, 103, CELEBRATES.
SHENANDOAH, Ia., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Henry Homewood, a native of Hockfield, Sussex, Eng., will celebrate his 103rd birthday Christmas day with a dinner at the Fred Pace home, where he lives here. Afterward he is to attend a matinee.

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RAIL VALUATION CASE DEFENDED

Government Brief Upholds Methods in Rating Utilities.

Says U. S. Entitled to Recover Excess Earnings From Line.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The government's defense of the constitutionality of the methods of the interstate commerce commission in valuing railroad property, challenged by the St. Louis & O'Fallon railroad, was submitted to the Supreme court today in a brief signed by Attorney General Clegg.
The brief, to constitute the government's argument in court on January 2, was submitted by George W. Wickersham, former attorney general and special government counsel in the case. In the brief Wickersham asks the court to affirm the decision of a statutory three judge court at St. Louis which held that the government was entitled to recover excess earnings from the O'Fallon road.
Wickersham maintained that the true basis of valuing public utility property, as laid down by the Supreme court, was "that neither production cost nor original cost is alone a criterion of value or to be given dominant consideration, but that the rate making body must take all elements and measures of value into consideration, and analyze and ascribe to each its proper weight in the light of the evidence of the case."
Claims Act Upheld.
The action of the interstate commerce commission in rejecting the spot cost of reproduction as the sole basis of valuation in the recapture order was Mr. Wickersham declared, by urging a construction of the act in framing the transportation act of 1920.
Contending that the railroad in effect had attacked the whole transportation act by urging a construction which would make it impracticable and by challenging its constitutionality, Mr. Wickersham asserted that the Supreme court has broadly upheld the act in all the cases which involved its consideration and added that the recapture clause of the act invaded no right of the company.
He held the railroad in effect contended that the commission erred because it did not fix the value of the carrier's property on the basis of cost of reproduction, based on prices prevailing during the time covered by the recapture order, and insisted that the decision of the Supreme court in the Indianapolis water case, relied upon by the railroad as the basis for its contention, was never intended to affect such a valuation. He added that it was clearly shown that the commission's order did not involve confiscation.
Other less important questions presented in the controversy were argued in the brief which asked also that the lower court's decision with regard to the interest the government should receive on these earnings be changed in conformity with the claims of the government.

Deaths

Thomas McCroft, 78, died at 6:30 Sunday morning at his home, in Waverly. He had lived in Nebraska since 1878 and in Waverly for fifty years. He was a charter member of the Congregational church and had been active in civic affairs. Mr. and Mrs. McCroft celebrated their fifty-third wedding anniversary last February. Besides his wife, Mrs. Jane E. McCroft, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. W. W. Bainbridge and Mrs. Ray Copely of Waverly; one son, Logan of Waverly; fourteen grandchildren and one great grand child. The body is at Castle, Roper and Matthews. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the Methodist church at Waverly with Rev. E. C. Staley and Rev. Frederick W. Leavitt in charge. Burial in Waverly cemetery.

Randall Is Charged With Stealing Hog

John Randall was arrested at 1124 P street Monday morning by Detective Meyer on a warrant from Falls City, charging Randall with stealing a hog from the farm of Walter Parli. Richardson county authorities were to return Randall to Falls City Monday afternoon for prosecution on the charge. The hog, according to the warrant, was stolen November 5.

Many Gain Amnesty.

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The recent Admiral Horthy, food and Christmas amnesty to 248 prisoners. The list included forty-two persons who have been in jail more than ten years and six who were sentenced to life imprisonment under the new press law. In some cases a fine was substituted for imprisonment. The amnesty did not include sixteen prisoners who were convicted of revolution in connection with the red revolution.

NEW FARM HOME.

(Special to The Star.)
BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 22.—John O'Brien, living about fifteen miles northwest of Beatrice, has completed the construction of a fine modern home on his farm. The building cost approximately \$8,000. Clausen, of this city were the contractors.

Mary Garden Is Writing Memoirs; To Be Very Frank

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The life of Mary Garden is going to be an open book.
But not quite yet. Her memoirs will not be published while a few persons, who will be mentioned or are mentioned in the book already is started, are still living, said the titan haired grand opera singer. She returned yesterday from her villa at Beaulieu, France.

She has completed several chapters of her memoirs and the whole book is going to be "very frank."
No Isadora Duncan revelation as for love affairs, however. Mary scorns love interest.
"Love, pough I am not so very interested in love. There are so many other thrilling things in the world. Truly, I have not had so many love affairs. Well, perhaps one or two. Mais oui, I shall write of them in my book."
She will make first appearance in opera here this year in "Sapho" January 2.

Funeral services for Peter J. Sage were held at 9 o'clock Monday morning at Henry Brown's chapel. Interment in Wyuka.

Funeral services for Mrs. Alta Speltz were held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon at Henry Brown's chapel with Rev. J. W. Hilton officiating. Interment in Wyuka.

Funeral services for Mrs. Isabel Speltz were held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon at her home, 2844 North Fifteenth street, with Dr. H. P. Fox officiating. The pallbearers were: O. H. Blinson, Howard Durham, William Stoner, Leslie Thurman, Clarence Dixon and Cecil Gates. Interment was in Wyuka.

Funeral services for Charles G. Stueck were held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon at the Evangelical church at Milford. Interment in the Milford cemetery.

Funeral services for Joseph W. Smith were held at 10:30 Monday morning at Hodgman's chapel with Rev. Ray E. Hunt officiating. Interment in the Malcom cemetery.

Edgar L. Henne, 39, died at 6 o'clock Monday morning at a local hospital. His home was at Omaha. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Emma Fisher of Los Angeles.

Hotel Fire Claims Lives of Six



This building, constructed as a "fireproof modern hotel," proved a death trap for six persons who were caught in it when it took fire at Hazard, Ky., recently. Many guests were caught on the stairways and were seriously burned before they were rescued.

DEATHS

Funeral services for Lillian May Bice were held at 10 o'clock Monday morning at Henry Brown's chapel. Interment in Wyuka.
The body of Catherine H. Eitel is being held at Splain and Schnell's pending funeral arrangements.
The body of Nicholas Venten is being held at Splain and Schnell's pending funeral arrangements.
No funeral arrangements for Sarah Jane Johnson, who died Saturday afternoon at Peoria, Ill. have been announced.
Maurice Deutch, 69, died at a local hospital Monday morning. The body is at Roberts' chapel pending arrangements.
Whittier junior high school enjoyed a Christmas program at assembly on Friday, December 21. The stage was beautifully decorated with poinsettias, wreaths and lighted Christmas trees.
The program was as follows:
Reading—His Christmas Gift, Ruth Feister.
Conique de Noel, Mrs. Swisher's Chorus Class.
Reading—Christmas Story, Mrs. Malcolm.
To the World, Silent Night—Combined Glee Club, directed by Mrs. White.

SIX ARE INJURED WHEN AUTO HITS TELEPHONE POLE

Three young couples were hurt slightly when the car in which they were riding smashed into a telephone pole at Fourteenth and High streets about 9 o'clock Sunday night. The injured are:
FLOYD HARLEY, 1741 North Twenty-second street, driver of the auto, front tooth knocked out.
CORLA HANSEN, 2827 South Twelfth street, knee injured.
HELEN BLOCK, 1715 South Tenth street, thrown through windshield, suffered bump over right eye.
HOWARD HORTON, 928 M street, thrown out of car, sustained slight bruises.
MILTON ROYCE, 1326 Washington street, received bump on head.
LYDIA BLOCK, 734 Plum street, suffering some from shock.
Harley told Motor Officer Graves who investigated the accident, that his steering wheel locked in turning the corner and that he was unable to stop before crashing into the pole. None of the young people was hurt seriously and all were able to walk to Miss Helen Block's home a few blocks away.

Young Vanderbilt To Give \$3,000,000 Christmas Present

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., was speeding across the west today, busy with plans for making a \$3,000,000 Christmas present to persons who had lost money in his tabloid newspaper venture.
Reconciled with his family at a visit here after four years of estrangement that followed his advent into the publishing business, Vanderbilt told reporters in St. Louis that his backers would be repaid the money his unsuccessful attempts had cost them.

Vanderbilt revealed that the money would not come from the pocket of his father, Gen. Cornelius Vanderbilt, but from inheritances and from money his family had accumulated since his father's death. He promised him some years ago. It has now been placed in trust for the stockholders in his newspaper enterprises in Los Angeles, Miami and San Francisco.

Vanderbilt's immediate destination today was Reno, where he hoped to join his bride, the former Mrs. Mary Wer Logan, by Christmas afternoon. Soon after his financial reverses he was divorced by his first wife, Mrs. Rachel Littleton Vanderbilt.

SING FOR SHUTINS.

(Special to The Star.)
DAVID CITY, Neb., Dec. 24.—The Davids of this city were visited one evening last week by carolers comprising of the members of the David City Treble Clef club. The ladies were taken to the different homes by truck and sang at twenty different places.

ELKS PLAY SANTA CLAUS.

(Special to The Star.)
BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 24.—Members of the Elks lodge of this city distributed twenty-five baskets of fruit, nuts, candies and other good things to needy families in Beatrice and Wymore for Christmas. Two automobiles were used in making the deliveries.

CITY MANAGER VOTE EXPECTED

Mayor Hedge Willing for Proposition to Come Before People.

Although no more city manager charter amendment, petitions had been filed with the city council Monday morning, the commissioners were inclined to accede to the wish of the promoters of the plan. At least that is true of Mayor Hedge. He said today that if the council will pass the ordinance he is willing that the special election be held. Backers of the proposal planned to file petitions Monday afternoon.
Like other members of the council the mayor is not enthusiastic over creating a deficit of at least \$2,500 in the election fund to submit to the measure. That is the amount a special election will cost and the money will have to be borrowed as the fund now has only sufficient cash to conduct the primary and general city election this spring. The balance is \$5,920.
To conduct the special polling will require the expenditure of \$2,500 and judges and clerks, \$385 for the rental of polling places and a similar amount for supplies. Advertising and printing will cost \$75 each. If the amendment has to be printed in full four times in newspaper and go on the ballot in full these figures will be larger. Another \$150 will have to be added for transporting the booths to and from the polling place.

The council meeting Monday was short. Henry Rath was awarded the contract for wrecking the old standpipe on Wesleyan university campus at University Place. The cost will be \$675, the salvage going to the contractor.
Petitions for and against the granting of a permit for recreation on the second floor of a building at Twelfth and Q street, were ordered placed on file and similar action was taken on an audited report of municipal coal and gasoline stations.
The city hall will be closed Tuesday on account of Christmas.

NASH ARRESTED SECOND TIME ON LIQUOR CHARGE

Pursued and arrested by Officer Frank Robbins two weeks ago, Jack Nash, 23, was taken into custody again Sunday evening by the same officer who says Nash and John Leupold, 19, his companion, were in possession of liquor.

Nash, who was out on bond following arraignment on illegal possession and transportation of liquor charges, will face similar charges, again. Captain Anderson said Monday. A complaint against John Leupold for possession and transportation will also be filed, according to Anderson.

The two young men were in Leupold's car when arrested Sunday night. Robbins says the machine bore an improper license and the charges will also be filed against Leupold for this offense and for maintaining a nuisance in using the car for transportation of alleged liquor. Captain Anderson announced Monday.

Nash's arrest two weeks ago followed a chase through east Lincoln by Officer Robbins upset the car driven by Nash at Twenty-sixth and Q streets.

ALLDERIDGE RESIGNS.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Taylor Alderidge has resigned as president of the National Tube Co. It was announced at the company's offices here today. Fred W. Waterman, manager of the company's Gary, Ind., works, will succeed him. The change becomes effective January 1.

M. Alderidge, who has been president of National Tube since April, 1926, is retiring from business, the company announced.

Crew Jumps Into Sea When American Ship Catches Fire

LONDON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The crew of the American steamer Caspar, which went on the rocks near Uto light, about 100 miles off the southwest coast of Finland, December 13, had to jump into the sea when their ship caught fire. One fireman was drowned, but that the others of the crew were picked up by salvage boats. The Caspar caught fire in the engine room.

At The Churches Tonight

St. Matthew's Church

(Episcopal)
24th and Sewell
XMAS EVE. SERVICE at 11:30 P. M.
Holy Communion and Sermon. Anthem: While Shepherds Watched, Quartette: Silent Night. Carols will be sung by the choir from 11:15 to 11:30.
Xmas Morning Holy Communion at 8 A. M.

Home After 65 Years, 'Lost' Brother in Kentucky Family Finds Friends Much Changed

WHITESBURG, Ky., Dec. 24.—(AP)—There is going to be a real Christmas celebration for a real resident of this little village this year after sixty-five years of waiting and hoping.
It's because Jim Stamper came home, home to the hills that bore him. For sixty-five years two brothers and two sisters had wondered and worried about Jim Stamper. Each year they gathered around the family Christmas tree to make merry, but each year the absence of "Brother Jim" cast a gloom over the group. This year it's going to be different.
Sixty-five years ago Jim said goodbye to brothers and sisters and trudged away, a boy of 14, out to make his way in the world. The other day Jim came back, grizzled and gray and possessed of the fortune he went to seek, to spend the holidays with his family.
"Happy? I'll say I am!" said Jim, as tears of joy glistened in his eyes. "I wanted to get back years ago, but always business affairs kept me away. Changes? Of course there are. My brothers and I didn't know each other. I could not realize that time had made so many changes, that threads of gray had come to my younger brother and my sisters, whom I left as children."
Staying With Brothers.
Jim, although wealthy, he is always "Jim" to the Whitesburg folk—is staying with his brothers, Stephen and Hiram Stamper. Daily he goes to visit his two sisters, Mrs. Katie Ison and Mrs. Mary Ison. Jim's story of his life sounds a page from Horatio Alger. Practically penniless, and a lad of 14, he tramped 200 miles on foot to Lexington, Ky., to reach a railroad. From here he worked his way gradually toward the west coast, of which he had heard marvelous tales. Time went on and Jim bought a fruit farm with his savings. The fruit farm was successful and Jim bought more land. Today he is said to own one of the largest farms in California.
But somehow, with all his money, Jim's life was not complete. Every year this conviction grew, especially around Christmas time. This year Jim packed up his trunk and came home, and now everything is well.
"The joy of Christmas will mean something to me this year," says Jim Stamper.

CODE EMPLOYEES PRESENT WATCH TO GOV. M'MULLEN

An expensive white gold watch with a chain and knife to match was presented to Governor Adam McMullen Monday morning by the employees and heads of the code departments.
The presentation was planned as a surprise and after the employees had filled the reception room of the governor's suite, Governor McMullen was asked to come in and address a group of "Boy Scouts."

The presentation was made by Judge Lincoln Frost, secretary of the welfare department. He read the following paragraphs from a beautifully engraved autograph album which contained the signatures of all members of the code departments.
"We who have been privileged to serve under you as chief executive of this great state, acknowledge with profound appreciation our debt of gratitude. To have been identified with your splendid administration, implants in our memories a picture of sentiment which shall not fade with the passing years.
We ever have been conscious of your high devotion to public duty, your fidelity and sincerity, your courage and intense loyalty to Nebraska, her institutions and her people.
And now as the inevitable hand of time rings down the curtain on the final act of this drama of service, accept from us this token of respect and esteem and with it our combined wishes that the future may yield to you a generous quota of all those finer and nobler things of life."
In expressing his appreciation of the gift, Governor McMullen said he had already been rewarded by the manner in which the employees of the departments had performed their duties during the four years of his administration.

"You have performed your duties faithfully, and you have been loyal to the state and to me. I will always remember that," he said.
"I know enough of public life to know the burdens it carries with it. I had expected my share of them, but have not felt them so far as you are concerned."
"I am glad to know that I can turn over a good business organization to the new administration."

Following the presentation the employees, together with the governor, went out on the steps of the capitol where photographs were taken of the entire group.



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WHITTIER DIES OMAHA HOSPITAL

Nebraska Pioneer, Cousin
of Poet, Is Accident
Victim.

OMAHA, Dec. 24.—(P)—Dr. Jackson B. Whittier, aged 92, reputed Decatur, Neb., millionaire who served as paymaster in the Union army by appointment of President Lincoln, died in a hospital here last night as result of a broken hip he suffered in August, 1927. He was a cousin of the poet, John Greenleaf Whittier.

Dr. Whittier was confined to the hospital ever since he received the injury in a fall at his home. He was never able to walk afterward. His wife Mrs. Ida B. Whittier, took up her residence at the hospital and remained constantly with her husband.

Forty years ago he moved from Colorado to Decatur, purchasing large tracts of land for agricultural and stock raising purposes. At the time of his death he was the owner of 1,000 acres of choice land near Decatur. He was president of the First National bank at Decatur, and at the time of his accident was vice president of the institution ever since.

Mr. Whittier was one of original stockholders in the First National bank at Tekamah. He was a graduate of Dartmouth and an eastern medical school. A trial will be at Decatur.

**PIONEER RESIDENTS
OTOE COUNTY DEAD**

Mrs. Anna Allen and Henry Sands, aged 99 and 96 years, respectively, are called.

(Special to The Star.)
NEBRASKA CITY, Dec. 24.—Death removed from the county's two oldest residents last week. Mrs. Anna Allen, 99, and Henry Sands, 96, lacking three days of being 96 years old.

Mrs. Allen, born in Germany, July 19, 1829, came to the United States when a child. She was first married to Anthony Drey, who died in Nebraska City in 1873. She later married to Mr. Allen, who died at Denver. After the death of her second husband she came to Nebraska City to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. Samuel Hoke, where she died following a stroke.

She is survived by six daughters and two sons, one of them being John Drey of Omaha. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Hoke near Syracuse, Sunday, following an illness of four months. He was a native of England and served in the British navy before coming to the United States.

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**HUMBOLDT CHURCH
HAS CELEBRATION**

(Special to The Star.)
HUMBOLDT, Neb., Dec. 24.—The First Presbyterian church here celebrated appropriately at the morning services Sunday the fiftieth anniversary of the church, in its history. The building was completed and occupied in December, 1878, and occupied until 1891, when the present one was secured. An interesting feature of the celebration was the reading of messages from former pastors whose addresses were known. A special free-will offering was taken on the occasion as a fund for the purpose of brightening the church home.

**TOWNS CONTRACT
FOR ELECTRICITY**

(Special to The Star.)
BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 24.—The towns of Jansen and Hartline have voted franchises to the Gage County Electric company of this city for street lighting, the contract to start with a maximum of 14 cents, per kilowatt hour, graduated 7½ cents. The current is to be furnished from the Fairbury municipal lighting plant.

**BANQUET OF ELK
FOR WALTONIANS**

(Special to The Star.)
DAVID CITY, Neb., Dec. 24.—A banquet of elk meat was scheduled for seven o'clock December 27, in the M. E. church parlors, for the members of the Isaac Walton league of this city. Plates will be set for more than two hundred persons. Election of officers will follow the banquet.

**TWO INJURED IN
CRASH OF AUTOS**

FAIRBURY, Dec. 28.—(P)—Miss Marie Kapke suffered two broken ribs and bruises, and her mother, Mrs. Will Kapke, received an injured back Saturday when their automobile collided with another car, badly wrecking the Kapke machine.

How Doctors Treat Colds and the Flu

To break up a cold overnight or to cut short an attack of grippe, influenza, sore throat or tonsillitis, physicians and druggists are now recommending Calobats, the purified and refined calomel compound tablet that gives you the effects of calomel and salts combined without the unpleasant effects of either. One or two Calobats at bed-time with a swallow of water—that's

On Trial.



FUNERAL SERVICE DR. W. T. METCALFE HELD AT DEWITT

(Special to The Star.)
BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 24.—Funeral services for Dr. W. T. Metcalfe were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Methodist church at DeWitt and were largely attended. The body was taken to the old home at Caldwell, Kas. for burial.

Dr. Metcalfe attended Chicago veterinary college and later was graduated from the Indiana veterinary college at Indianapolis, locating in DeWitt in 1921. He erected one of the finest homes in the town since locating there had been active in Methodist church circles. He was also a member of the Masonic lodge, Eastern Star, Modern Woodmen and American Legion. His birthplace was Liberty, Neb.

He is survived by his widow, two children, Samuel Lovell, and Lois Nadine, his parents, three sisters and five brothers.

VETERAN RAILWAY FOREMAN CALLED

(Special to The Star.)
WESTERN, Neb., Dec. 23.—Martin Leischer, 74, retired Burlington railway track foreman, died at his home here Saturday. He had seated himself in his chair when he suddenly lunged forward, death being due to heart failure. He formerly worked as foreman for the railway at Milligan for 15 years and had acted as foreman at Western for twenty-two years, up to his retirement on pension on account of age, in 1925. He was a member of the railway veterans association. He is survived by the wife and five sons and three daughters.

FIRE DAMAGES HOME.
(Special to The Star.)
WYMORE, Neb., Dec. 24.—Fire started in the second story of the large frame home of Mrs. Mary Greenwood, pioneer resident of Wyndham, destroyed the home of Governor Adam McMullen, here Saturday night, caused a run of the Wyndham fire department. A total loss of building and furnishings from fire, water and smoke of approximately \$1,000 was sustained.

DEATH AT BEATRICE.
(Special to The Star.)
BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 24.—Mrs. John Schank, 77, old resident of Beatrice, died at her home here Sunday. She is survived by her husband and the following children: Peter, August and John Schank of Beatrice; Fred Schank of Plymouth; Mrs. H. G. Guenther and Mrs. August Schank of Beatrice; Mrs. Paul Hanson of land and Mrs. August Linblad of Odel.

4-H CLUB BANQUET.
(Special to The Star.)
RED CLOUD, Neb., Dec. 24.—Preparations for the annual banquet of the Webster county 4-H club alumni association, which is to be held in a local hotel, Dec. 26, are being made by officers of the association. Any boy or girl who has completed two years of 4-H club work is eligible to attend the affair.

BUILD POWER LINE.
(Special to The Star.)
PAWNEE CITY, Neb., Dec. 24.—Headquarters of the Iowa-Nebraska Power company workers, engaged in building a line across Pawnee county, has been moved to Pawnee City. Construction work has been completed from Barnston to near Burchard. The eastern end of the line will be Humboldt.

HONEY IN SIDEWALKS.
(Special to The Star.)
BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 24.—While repairing a farm house near this city, C. L. Currier, a contractor found about seventy-five pounds of fine honey in removing the siding. He had a similar experience while making repairs on the Mennonite church west of the city, where he secured about fifty pounds of honey, which he found under the eaves of the building.

BEST CORN YIELD.
(Special to The Star.)
BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 24.—John Jarchow, farmer living west of here near Daykin, has the best yield of corn this season he has ever raised. From seventy-five acres he shucked 4,500 bushels, the average being exactly 60 bushels to the acre. The grain is of fine quality.

OMAHA MAN IS BADLY BURNED

Attempts to Start Fire
With Gasoline and May
Lose Life.

OMAHA, Dec. 24.—(P)—William H. Clark, 48, was burned, perhaps fatally, early today when gasoline he was using to start a fire, exploded.

Seated in fire, Clark, raving and shouting, dashed from door to window and back to door again attempting to get outside. He carried the fire from room to room. His wife pulling at the bolted front door with him was slightly burned. Charles, 5, and Nicholas, 3, clasped his legs in their arms, and both were burned slightly. Another son, Teddy, 6, who helped break the bolt and open the door, was singed about the hair.

Clark ran out of the house, his screams arousing the neighborhood. He leaped over the front fence, where portions of the burning clothing was caught and some flesh torn from him. In the street he was tackled by Frank Darda, who was forced to fall Clark with a blow on the chin, before he could stop the mad dash. Darda then rolled him in the street, putting out the flames. He was taken to a hospital, where his burns are considered serious. Fire and smoke through the entire house, ruined most of the household goods and burned much of the clothing of the Clark family.

Two hundred dollars in currency, sewed in Clark's clothing, was destroyed.

**Automobile Crashed
By Heavy Iron Pole**

Pawnee County Farmer and his Three Children Have Narrow Escape on Pawnee City Street.

(Special to The Star.)
PAWNEE CITY, Neb., Dec. 24.—Holiday shoppers received a thrill here late Saturday afternoon when a large iron electric light pole in the city's whiteway was torn loose and struck a wire in the moving car in the street, after temporary wiring from the pole to small Christmas trees had been struck by a truck.

The auto hit belonged to Charles Staley, farmer living five miles west of Pawnee City, who was accompanied by three small children. The heavy fixture struck only a few inches ahead of the windshield, smashing in the cow's puncturing the car body and otherwise denting the car. The occupants were uninjured.

The wires struck to cause the accident extended between whiteway poles in the business district and across an alley. A truck loaded high with crates of chicken and driven by Lee McCoy, employee of the Jerpe produce house at Tecumseh, struck the wire in turning out the alley to the street. Excessive strain on the fixture and weakened base bolts of the pole half a block away caused it to fall onto the passing car.

McCoy's first knowledge that his truck figured in the accident came when he reached Tecumseh. Request for measurement of the height of his head had been telephoned the Tecumseh office, together with details of the circumstance.

**CAMP FIRE GIRLS
ARE ENTERTAINED**

(Special to The Star.)
DAVID CITY, Neb., Dec. 24.—The members of the Latini and Talahi Camp Fire girls were entertained Friday evening at the home of their guardian, Miss Adelaide Wanser, by a series of card games and enjoyed an exchange of Christmas gifts, after which refreshments were served. Miss Wanser presented each girl with a leather symbol, the symbol of strength, which will be used as decoration for their ceremonial gowns.

PIONEER IS CALLED.
(Special to The Star.)
BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Marie Johnson, 81, pioneer of Gage county passed away at her home in Hanover township northwestern here Saturday. She is survived by five children. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Hanover church, in charge of Rev. J. B. Reents. Interment in church cemetery.

EATRICE WEDDING.
(Special to The Star.)
BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 24.—The marriage of Miss Ina Boggs of this city to W. P. Wilson of Omaha was solemnized at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. W. A. Boggs. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Boggs, and the bridegroom is a son of Mrs. Julia Wilson of Omaha. The couple will continue their residence in Beatrice.

FUNERAL AT BEATRICE.
(Special to The Star.)
BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Bertha Williams wife of Robert Williams, died suddenly at her home at Columbus, aged forty-eight years. She was a sister-in-law of Mrs. Harry Haney of this city. Funeral services were held here Saturday afternoon in charge of Rev. Ross McCown and interment in Evergreen Home cemetery.

MARRIAGE LICENSE.
(Special to The Star.)
BEATRICE, Neb., Dec. 24.—A marriage license was issued here Saturday to Bernhard De Buhr, 23, of Pickrell, and Clara Anna Agena, 19, of Adams.

CLUB WOMAN DIES.
OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 24.—(P)—Mrs. A. L. Turner, wife of the chief engineer of the Northwestern Bell Telephone company, died in a hospital here Sunday of pneumonia contracted two weeks ago. She was formerly instructor of dramatics at Central high school here and had taken an active interest in club work and civic affairs.

Dale Alexander, first baseman and home run king of the International, has not yet been sold by Toronto.

TWO INDICED POSTAL CHARGE

Alleged to Have Opened
Letters Belonging to
Another.

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 24.—(P)—Miss Julia Pollard, University of Nebraska co-ed, and her father, William Pollard, reputed wealthy Central City, Neb., business man, must face charges of violating the United States postal laws, it was learned here today.

Both were named in a federal indictment returned last week, which charges them with receiving, opening, reading and holding two letters addressed to Mrs. Mayme Pollard, Miss Julia's aunt, also a resident of Central City.

The indictment, it was learned, had been kept secret at the request of the United States district attorney's office, pending the arrest of the girl and her father.

Mr. Pollard was arrested late yesterday by a deputy U. S. marshal and released under bond of \$1,000 by United States Commissioner J. L. Cleary at Grand Island.

Warrant for the arrest of Miss Pollard was left with her father, who promised to produce his daughter at the commissioner's office. Deputy Marshal Frank Mandeville, said.

Attention of federal postal inspectors was called to the case by attorneys for Mrs. Mayme Pollard, it was stated here by Ambrose C. Epperson, assistant district attorney, who presented the case to the federal grand jury.

In 1925 Mrs. Mayme Pollard went to Sioux City, Ia., where she obtained work after introducing herself at several places as "Miss May Pollard," the grand jury was informed.

Several months later Mrs. Pollard returned to her husband, a marital disagreement followed and after the separation two letters came to the Pollard home addressed to "Miss May Pollard." These are the letters on which the indictment is based, federal officials say.

Mr. Epperson said there was evidence given to the grand jury that Miss Pollard received the two letters, opened them and then turned them over to her father, who in turn handed them over to Mrs. Mayme Pollard's husband.

Miss Julia Pollard was expected to return to her home in Lincoln for the Christmas holidays.

FARMER SHOTS TRIO AT CHURCH

Two Innocent Men Victims of Effort to Settle Tennessee Feud.

FAYETTEVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 24.—(P)—A. J. Simmons and Neal Golden lay desperately wounded today, Floyd Steelman, 22, was dead, victims of bullets fired into a congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian church of Kelso, near here, last night by Joe Pigg, prosperous farmer, in an effort to "settle differences" with Simmons.

Pigg and Simmons had been neighbors for years, but the only explanation for the tragedy by Pigg was that "differences" between the Pigg and Simmons families had prompted the attack. Pigg surrendered.

Steelman, the first to be struck, died within a few moments. Simmons was wounded in the face and lungs and Golden was shot in the abdomen.

Paul Gettlin, an 11-year-old boy, suffered a minor wound of the scalp. Pigg is said to have fired at Simmons from a position in the rear of the church, the first shot throwing the congregation into a panic. The following shots were fired in rapid order.

Services were immediately discontinued after the shooting. Pigg, following the attack, asked a friend to summon an officer and waited in the churchyard for the latter.

Pigg is the father of seven children.

**Burned By Kerosene
And Death Expected**

Spaulding Man Uses Liquid In Starting Fire and Explosion Occurs.

SPAUDLING, Neb., Dec. 24.—(P)—Charles Nunaman was dangerously burned from foot to head by an explosion of a can of kerosene Sunday at his home twelve miles northwest of Spaulding. He is in a Columbus hospital not expected to live.

Mrs. Nunaman and a child one year old escaped the flames that destroyed the house, by jumping from a window. Neither was badly hurt.

Nunaman had started building a fire and used some kerosene. Burns extend over his body except his face. He jumped into a tank of water, then lay on the ground until picked up by a neighbor who heard the blast.

PROWLERS FRIGHTENED AWAY
Police were called to the F. L. 3 o'clock Sunday morning after a Knight residence, 1025 C street, at attempt had been made to enter the house through an upstairs window. A ladder had been placed against the side of the house but the prowlers were frightened away before Dr. Robbins and Officer Lunford arrived.

WIVES' WORD IS LAW.
MIAMI, Fla., (P)—Found clinging to the side of their overturned skiff, nearly exhausted from exposure, four Florida hunters begged that their wives not be told of their mishap lest they be forbidden to hunt again.

**How to Avoid
INFLUENZA**

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WATCH STOLEN FROM WINDOW GARDNER'S STORE

A large brick was thrown through the west plate glass show window of the Fred Gardner & Son jewelry store, 1029 O street, early Sunday morning and a woman's jewel studded wrist watch worth \$100, was stolen. Seven other expensive watches and a number of rings in the window were not disturbed.

The break-in evidently occurred while the day and night police force were changing shifts shortly before 7 o'clock Sunday morning. Officer Gibson said that everything was all right at the jewelry store when he "shook" the door at 8:30 Sunday morning. When Officer Nichols made his first round at 7:10, just 40 minutes later, he found the window had been shattered. The brick, which fell within an inch of other valuable jewelry, had not been moved.

Detectives Towle and Davis and Driver Masters were called to investigate. The stolen watch was of white gold and at each end were emeralds of sapphires and small diamonds.

**VICTIM OF AUTO
ACCIDENT DIES**

Fred Rohrlein, Injured
When Walker Killed,
Succumbs Sunday.

The automobile accident in which Harry E. Walker of Havelock was instantly killed a week ago, caused the death of Fred Rohrlein, 30, also of Havelock, at St. Elizabeth's hospital early Sunday morning. Rohrlein, a mechanic in the Burlington shops suffered a severe fracture at the base of the brain when Walker's car struck a rut and turned over on the D. L. D. highway near Gretna early last Monday morning.

With L. C. Thompson, another Havelock shopman slightly hurt in the crash, Rohrlein was brought to Lincoln and placed under the care of Dr. F. B. Hollenbeck in St. Elizabeth's hospital. Thompson improved rapidly but Rohrlein's condition remained about the same. His recovery had been considered very doubtful.

Saturday morning examination revealed a blood clot causing pressure at the base of the brain. An operation was performed and Rohrlein died at 5 o'clock Sunday morning.

Funeral services will be held at 1 o'clock Wednesday at the Princeton Congregational church. Burial will be in the Harland cemetery at Adams. The body will be held at Castle Roper and will be held at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Mr. Rohrlein is survived by two brothers, John of Princeton, and Mike who lives in Minnesota.

**FOUR KILLED IN
COTABATO QUAKE**

More Than Hundred Injured and Damage \$250,000 When Philippine Town Razed.

MANILA, Dec. 24.—(P)—The toll of an earthquake and tidal wave last Wednesday at Cotabato, capital of the Philippine province of the name, today stood at four dead, 102 injured and a property damage of about \$250,000. The city of Cotabato was said to have been practically destroyed.

The quake came during the night and many houses collapsed. Fire broke out but it soon was brought under control. The tidal wave followed, flooding the city and surrounding the area.

Although the center of the quake was reported to have been in the Celebes sea, many miles from Cotabato, it shook the provincial capital violently.

Cotabato, a seaport with a population of more than 4,000, was practically destroyed in 1876 by an eruption of Macaturin volcano. An earthquake followed the eruption.

From Cotabato the tidal wave swept up the Mindanao river, destroying or damaging small structures along its banks.

There are nine towns along the Cotabato coast, but no reports of damage from the tidal wave have been received from them. Lebak, one of the coast towns, reported the quake.

The Red Cross here sent 5,000 pesos (\$2,500) to Cotabato and announced that more would be sent if needed.

**King Is Praised by
Pope In Christmas
Talk to Cardinals**

ROME, Dec. 24.—(P)—All the cardinals resident in Rome called upon Pope Pius today to present their Christmas greetings, in accordance with century-old tradition.

The pontiff, who this year completed fifty years of his ministry, touched on the illness of King George and the apparent averting of hostilities between Paraguay and Bolivia in his address to the cardinals.

Of King George the pope said: "I have been a faithful and loyal friend for the life of a sovereign who came so courteously to visit us here, a sovereign in whose empire, the largest in the world, so many millions of Catholics live, as the Eucharistic congress at Australia so recently has shown. We have feared and prayed for the life of this sovereign who has shown himself so well disposed and benevolent toward all these Catholics, and now Divine Providence seems to confirm us in our hope of his early return to perfect health."

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LEGGER KILLS AN INSPECTOR

Officer Splain Wsen He
Allows Prisoner "Roll
Cigaret."

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 24.—Tom Morris, a customs inspector on the Mexican border, was dead today because he temporarily dropped his guard to oblige a liquor runner, who asked permission to roll a cigarette before being handcuffed.

Morris and Inspector M. H. Rogers stopped an automobile near Fabens, Tex., yesterday, and after finding liquor in the car arrested the two occupants. One of the prisoners was handcuffed immediately, but the shackles were temporarily withheld from the other to grant his request for a smoke.

Instead of bringing tobacco and papers from his pocket, however, the man, who had not been searched, drew a revolver and fired four times, three of the bullets striking Morris and the other slightly wounding Rogers. Both inspectors opened fire on the prisoner, but he escaped into Mexico.

Inspector Morris died in a hospital here a few hours later. The other smuggler was placed in jail here.

A similar affair in the Wink, Tex., oil fields east of here had the opposite ending Saturday night when Ranger John Northcutt killed a man who attempted to draw a gun on him. The ranger was sent to prison for escaped prisoners, and was refused permission to enter George Helmer's rooming house. When he became insistent Northcutt said Helmer attempted to draw a gun on him and the ranger beat him to the draw. Helmers was said to have once lived to Edgemont, S. D.

**OLD FRIENDS DIE
ON THE SAME DAY**

OMAHA, Dec. 24.—(P)—Closely linked in life as friends and neighbors for a half century, William Clark, 77, and E. M. Cook, 78, early Nebraska settlers, were separated in death by sixteen hours Sunday.

The death of Mr. Clark early Sunday was followed by that of Mr. Cook last night. Members of their families have arranged that funerals for both shall be held Wednesday.

Mr. Clark, a native of England, settled on a farm near Bennington in 1872. Five years later Mr. Cook arrived in the same territory, taking a homestead near Arlington.

The two farmers soon became close friends, battled hardships together, and succeeded, together, in building modest fortunes from their farms.

Both moved to Benson, an Omaha suburb, upon retiring.

Poker Player Shoots, Kills Two Holdups

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(P)—Peter Cardone, a Brooklyn manufacturing chemist, who is also an expert pistol shot, was the recipient of hundreds of congratulatory messages today for killing two of four armed men who attempted to hold up a poker game early Sunday morning in the home of a friend.

Cardone, who was shot through the arm during a gun battle in which fourteen shots were exchanged, was more concerned than elated, however, because two innocent bystanders also were killed.

Police Commissioner Whelan personally congratulated Cardone, saying that the city needed more men with courage and marksmanship to shoot when assaulted by thugs.

Ten men were engaged in the poker game at the home of Fred Rendino in Brooklyn when the four armed men appeared and ordered them to hold up their hands.

One of the intruders, kicked Cardone on the shin when he failed to obey. Angered, Cardone drew his weapon and began firing.

Two of the bandits, identified later as Pasquale Belmont and Emanuel Frasca, were dropped by Cardone's upping him, shot through the forehead. Meanwhile, during the general melee, Rocco Massia, a chauffeur, who was an onlooker, was killed by a shot from one of the robbers, while Nicholas Sulzone, one of the players, was killed when he jumped from a window. The other two holdup men fled.

**ONTARIO POLICE
HOLD AMERICAN
CHECK ARTIST**

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EIGHTH VICTIM OF BLAZE DIES

Four Members of Alabama Family Survive Destruction of Home.

ANNISTON, Ala., Dec. 24.—(P)—Another name was added to the death toll of the fire which destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Calhoun near Lincoln, Ala., about eighteen miles from Anniston, early yesterday, when Ella Bright, a 12-year-old daughter, expired in an Anniston hospital early today.

Other victims include the parents and five children.

Mr. and Mrs. Calhoun and the five children died yesterday. The mother and four children perished in the flames, while the father, fatally burned in an effort to rescue some of his children, died last night.

In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Calhoun and the latest victim, those who lost their lives

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THE FIGHT ON MELLON.

One of the most amazing developments in national politics since the election of Herbert Hoover is the fight which is being made against the reappointment of Secretary of the Treasury, Andrew W. Mellon.

Mr. Mellon has been heralded as America's greatest financier. His name has been linked with that of Alexander Hamilton as a genius who performed a herculean task in refunding the nation's debts incurred in the World war, and in reducing them at the rate of nearly a billion dollars a year, without subjecting the industrial and business fabric of the country to a severe strain.

The opposition to Mr. Mellon is not distinctively of democratic flavor. It is true that Representative Garner of Texas, the ranking democratic floor leader, vigorously criticized the secretary of the treasury in congress a few days ago on the ground that the latter had allowed huge refunds of income taxes to gigantic industrial organizations in the east, particularly the United States Steel corporation. Congressman Garner charged there would be a deficit in national revenues as a result of the \$30,000,000 refund which the steel corporation received, and in a measure, at least, his contentions are borne out by statements from party associates of Mr. Mellon.

The real fight against Mr. Mellon is being conducted by influential newspapers and prominent central Western republican leaders, who have been importing President-elect Hoover to appoint a new man as head of the treasury department. There is The Des Moines Register, which gave Mr. Hoover ardent and enthusiastic support during the last campaign, suggesting that there would be no sense of loss if Mr. Mellon was to be replaced. The Register recalls that the country quickly adjusted itself to the decision by Mr. Coolidge not to be a candidate for re-election and it concludes that America would not find it difficult to fill Mellon's place.

There are a number of points involved in the criticism of Mr. Mellon's administration. The principal one centers in the failure to enforce prohibition. But on that score it may develop Mr. Hoover has other plans for the handling of the vexing and puzzling problem of making the dry laws more effective. There has been strong criticism of the policy of placing enforcement in the hands of the treasury department instead of the department of justice where it more logically belongs. It would not be surprising if some reorganization of this character took place.

The most telling fire directed against Mr. Mellon concerns his financial measures. The policy of issuing short term certificates for refunding purposes has been made a target. It has been necessary, his critics say, to pay 4-4-4 per cent interest on short time paper when the prevailing rate was 3 1/2 per cent. That has cost the country a great deal in interest charges. Then again, Mr. Mellon is charged with failure to furnish congress with accurate estimates for the formulation of revenue policies. The tax bills drawn in accordance with his views have produced much more revenue than was actually needed. On the latter score the American people will have no regrets but on the former there is a wide divergence of opinion.

Probably the greatest dissatisfaction with Mr. Mellon arises over the belief that under his tax program wealth is being unduly favored. The greatest proportionate reductions have fallen to the immensely rich. The men and the organizations of huge wealth have profited most in tax refunds. He has the outlook of the eastern capitalist and has been a persistent advocate of the abolition of the federal inheritance tax.

The antagonism to Mr. Mellon is general rather than specific. By many he is looked upon as a rather sinister figure behind the president, cold and indifferent toward the masses, unsympathetic towards the central west, enthusiastic only for a continuation of the policies which have put the industrial east in the saddle.

He will not be uneaten without a sharp struggle. He is a powerful and influential figure in the republican party. His attitude toward Mr. Hoover's candidacy was unknown until a few hours before the opening of the Kansas City convention but with the announcement of the Pennsylvania delegation it would support the president-elect. Mr. Mellon was credited with pulling the strings. Under the circumstances it is difficult to see how Mr. Hoover could do anything but reappoint the secretary of the treasury in the event that the latter is anxious to serve.

THE LAW NOT TO BLAME.

Inferential criticism of the United States immigration restriction and naturalization laws is contained in newspaper stories published now and then about husbands being separated from their wives, or fathers from their families, and concerning men who have lived in this country a long time only to find at this late date that they are not American citizens and therefore ineligible to vote, because of the operation of those statutes.

The latest example of the kind is that of an aged resident of Omaha, who has been in Nebraska 69 years and has been voting at every election, who discovers himself to be occupying the status of an unnaturalized alien. He came with his parents from Bohemia when 4 years of age and remembers no other home but this state yet because his father failed to take out naturalization papers he himself is still technically a foreigner, although his children, born in this country, are classed as native Americans.

It does seem unfair and even absurd, that an industrious and respected member of society, who no doubt has done his part toward building the commonwealth of Nebraska, should be placed by circumstances in such a strange position.

Come to think of it, however, there are many laws that occasionally work hardship upon individuals, which nobody would think of repealing on that ac-

count. For instance, a man neglects to pay the taxes on his home for a year or two. Along comes the sheriff and puts it up at auction tax sale; then, if the owner fails to redeem it within the specified time by paying the accrued taxes plus a high rate of interest and all the costs incurred, the title goes permanently to the tax sale purchaser. Or, after a citizen negligently permits his fire insurance to run out and fails to renew it, his home burns down. If he has no money to rebuild he had his family suffer the consequences.

When a criminal is convicted and sentenced for a heinous offense against the laws, his innocent wife and children must bear the odium and economic privations that naturally ensue. While agencies exist to alleviate their distress, nothing can make up to them in whole the loss of the family mainstay.

An honest man may be beguiled by a swindler into signing a note, which is then disposed of in a legitimate business transaction to some third party. The victim of the fraud is legally bound to pay the instrument when it falls due. If he were not compelled to, the way would be opened to all kinds of financial "shenanigans," as anybody desiring to repudiate his written obligations after they changed hands could do so merely by pleading that he didn't know what kind of a deal he was getting into at the time he made it.

The welfare of the majority is, or at least should be, the object of laws under which civilized nations live. In the United States, laws exist providing an orderly procedure—by no means burdensome—through which persons coming legally into this country from abroad may in time acquire the rights and privileges of citizenship. Should the immigrant fail and neglect to comply with these conditions, the fault is not with the government or with the laws. In an instance like that at Omaha, the difficulty arises entirely from such neglect on the part of the unnaturalized man's father, who apparently was not sufficiently interested in becoming an American citizen to go through the necessary formalities.

TREES IN YOSEMITE.

It appears practically certain that some of the finest specimens of trees to be found in the Yosemite National park will be sacrificed to the saw unless congress reverses itself on the appropriation item for \$1,000,000 which was included in the revenue bill. Under the provisions of the appropriation, none of the money was to be used until matched by a like amount raised by popular subscription. It was to be employed for the purchase of a strip of land in the Yosemite National park, containing a magnificent stand of virgin timber, which is owned by lumber companies. They plan to begin cutting the trees next spring.

It will be a matter of deep regret in after years if this fine forest is sacrificed. As it is, America has far too few national parks and playgrounds. There are only isolated areas where the magnificent trees which grow in Yosemite are to be found so that no time should be lost in making certain that this timber will not be destroyed. The privately-owned lumber companies cannot be expected to reveal any sentiment in the matter. The offer of sale which they have made is said to be fair to the public, which is the main concern. The valuation placed upon the land and timber is not excessive.

The opposition in congress undoubtedly arose from the fact that it was felt that the lumber companies were getting an undue price for their holdings. If such were the case then the government has the alternative of buying under condemnation proceedings in which the valuation would be fixed by a board of appraisers.

The important thing is that for \$1,000,000 the people of the United States cannot afford to sacrifice one of the finest features of Yosemite, one of the three outstanding parks in America. It would take 500 years to replace some of the tree specimens which will fall before the ax and saw next spring in the event that the government refuses to take over the tracts of land.

THE FORTUNES OF WAR.

Two outstanding commanders in the World war are critically ill. They are General Cadorna, who was in supreme command of the Italian armies until the disastrous defeat at Caporetta in 1917, and Grand Duke Nicholas, likewise a commander in chief of the Russian armies during the first phases of the struggle.

In their careers it is possible to observe the fickle fortunes of war. Cadorna in his first moves was preeminently successful and drove into Austrian territory. Then with German re-enforcements and a German general commanding operations, the Austrians broke through the Italian lines, and rolled back both wings in a retreat which became a rout before it terminated with Italy hanging tenaciously to a line on the Piave river, thousands of her soldiers killed and captured, and the city of Venice menaced by invaders' guns.

Nicholas was to experience a similar defeat. He was relieved of command in 1915, when the Grand Duke, driving furiously ahead, pushed the Austrians across the Carpathian mountains, was caught unprepared in a counter attack and before he could rally his troops had been compelled to evacuate all of the Austrian territory he had occupied, and surrender Poland. It was the first tryout for the tremendous concentration of artillery on a short front which was subsequently to play such a big role in the battles fought along the western front.

Had they remained undefeated, Cadorna and Nicholas would have been enshrined as heroes. They were regarded as splendid strategists in the early years of the war but in accordance with military custom, it was necessary to remove them when defeat came. They had no opportunity to retrieve their lost laurels. Foch, who came into renown as the Allied generalissimo in the closing months of the war, was more fortunate. He was held in reserve during the first years, and then carefully groomed in 1917 when it became apparent that unified command would be necessary.

IT DESERVED REBUKE.

The comptroller general has recently taken a District of Columbia official to task for his failure to raise his own pay and the salaries of some of his assistants in accordance to a recent act of congress. It is unusual to discover a public official deliberately engaged in the effort to hold down public expenses. On the side of the taxpayer, however, it might be said that he could probably experience such trials with a considerable degree of fortitude.

Homely Philosophy

TAKE A TIP FROM THE CONSERVATIVE.
Because your friend is more conservative than you are you call him a crab.
Because he has a sense of propriety that forbids him to do as you do you think he is impossible.
Perhaps he thinks more deeply and sees a disadvantage in your course of action.
You are interested only in the momentary pleasure you can get.
Your friend chills your enthusiasm.
He throws cold water on your plans.
He does not care for your sporty, carefree friends, and says so.
You don't like it.
You think it a reflection on your judgment.
And it is.
You have had embarrassing moments due to your prime desire to have a good time.
Perhaps he seeks to keep you from humiliation through results of your impulsive, headstrong will to grasp fleeting pleasures.
Has your precipitate nature gained you satisfaction?
Are you not wondering why you must endure a lot of things you don't like?
Perhaps the one who seems a crab to you wanted to save you regrets.

Everyday Questions

Answered By
DR. S. PARKES CADMAN
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Questions from Lincoln Star readers are answered daily by the Rev. Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, of the Federated Council of Churches of Christ in America. Dr. Cadman seeks to answer inquiries that appear to be representative of the trends of thought in the many letters which he receives.

Middothian, Va.

I have several times noted that you point out errors in the writings of the Bible.
Why do you think it incredible that God should not be able to protect the inspiration of His chosen witnesses against mistakes? Surely our age voluntarily puts God out of His own universe with a theory of weights light in its balance when thus left unguarded.

I shall be glad to have your further comments on this matter.

Is not your letter another proof that multitudes of devout and earnest souls confuse God's presence in His own universe with a theory of the Bible which is purely human in origin? I think so, and if for your sake I deal gently with the theory it is not because I am unaware of the mischief it has wrought.

Slavery, polygamy, incest, needless wars, cruel massacres and other non-moral institutions and crimes can all be justified by the basest assumption that every word of Holy Scripture must be regarded as practically infallible and then literally construed. It is got too much to expect that this theory will be the profane of skepticism upon an extended scale.

Yet nowhere does the book itself claim for the entire content of its literature what you assert in its behalf. Indeed, such a claim was impossible, since it was many centuries in process of production by men who in numerous instances were separated by long intervals of time.

It is conceivable that God possessed the power to reduce the authors of this sacred literature to the level of mere automata acting under hypnosis. The fact is, however, that He did not choose to do this, nor could such a method have accorded with what we know of His ways toward man.

He inspired selected personalities to transmit His will to their fellows, but in so doing He did not obliterate their individuality, nor thereby make them speak like puppets in a Punch and Judy show. For millions of believers the Bible is the more divine because of its human elements. It is inspired in part by the mystery of the incarnation by communicating immortal values through mortal channels.

What then, you may ask, is the test of its inspiration, if not a flawless text in which error is impossible? The answer is not mere verbal accuracy, nor the "letter which killeth," but "the spirit that giveth life." The appeal of the sacred oracles to the whole man—his soul, to the heights and depths of his nature, to his aspirations for saving truth, for purifying examples and for selfless love, and the unfaltering witness to their divine authority which transcends the hazards of literature.

Does not the book commend the

gradual unfolding of the mind of God toward us? "In former times divers manners," says the Apostle to the Hebrews, "He spake to our fathers by the prophets." But the supreme revelation came later in His Son. Turn to Him if you would find the true light of Holy Scripture and subordinate its contents to His teaching.

Mount Vernon, N. Y.

To whom is the prophet speaking in the seventh chapter and fourteenth verse of Isaiah?

Primarily to his own generation. The enigmatic phrase "young man," was an expression of the Jewish community at Jerusalem, out of which the ideal ruler named Immanuel should come. Around this idealized personality crystallized the Messianic conceptions voiced in the prophecy.

The verse is not the prophet's conscious prediction of the virgin birth, but an expression of his yearning for the spotless ruler who would govern, riot in casual or superficial forms of coincidence and externalism, but in divine essence would be truth, and so fulfill the dearest hopes of Israel, while at the same time consummating her magnificent mission to mankind.

Cincinnati, Ohio.

Is there any recent poetry about Jesus? I have read Bruce Barton's book, "The Man Nobody Knows," but it leaves something wanting.

I see it. Why does not some poet take up the theme of Christ's life? Read "Gentlemen, the King," by John Oxenham. Then follow it up with William Elery Leonard's es known but more adequate treatment of Jesus in "The Poet of Galilee." The British poet recently referred to an author whose work was unknown to the public. Even the literary pundits had either missed or ignored her while she was alive. Now that she is dead Mr. Baldwin's tribute has put her on the list. So it is with Mr. Leonard. His beautiful tribute to the Master was written years ago, when he was young, and nobody noticed it in the current reviews which too often popularize shoddy work. Yet Mr. Leonard is a scholar, a clear thinker and a spiritual romanticist. The poem bears the marks of his matured mind. So it is with Mr. Leonard. His beautiful tribute to the Master was written years ago, when he was young, and nobody noticed it in the current reviews which too often popularize shoddy work. 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Merely Margy, An Awfully Sweet Girl

Story by
Lloyd Mayer

By John Held, Jr.



"My dear, I'm ALL-of-a-TWIT, no less! I mean I'm so THRILLED I could shell PEANUTS because the most RIDICULOUS situation's transpired, my dear! ACTUALLY, it's a HOWL because you BULL'S conceived this CRYPIC IDEA that PUPPY-wups is a new CRUSH of mine because Arab and I called him 'JONES' and of course it never occurred to BULL that 'JONES' could

be the name of a DOG, so when he hears me RHAPSODIZING about 'JONES' he thinks it's some new BEAU I've got the YEN for and he's PRACTICALLY ready to ROLL over and BUTTER himself with IRE in CONSEQUENCE—can you COPE with it, my dear? HONESTLY I think it's SIMPLY PETRIFYING because it's so INANE, sort of, and when I DIVULGED the situation to

Arab, my dear, he was too IMPRESSED, only I'm on the VERGE of COLLAPSE about it because Arab suggested that BULL would probably was pugnacious and want to ASSASSINATE this mysterious 'JONES' person and Arab thought it would be a swell idea to sort of BRING them TOGETHER because he said he'd like to see what 'JONES' would do with a BONE

like BULL'S HEAD or something—can you BEAR it? ACTUALLY, now dear, I think the whole IDEA is too DIVINE because I simply ADORE the thought of BULL getting lathered UP about this mysterious R'nal 's—times has INTRIGUED (Copyright, 1928, King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

SOCIETY

MEENA MILLS TO WED.
PAUL GROSS TONIGHT.

The marriage of Miss Meena Mills, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Frank Mills, to Paul Gross, will be solemnized at 9:30 o'clock this evening at the Union church in College View. Three hundred guests have been invited to the service which is to be read by the bride's father. The altar will have a gold screen backed with Christmas green and palms. On either side of the altar will be tall candelabra with the lighted tapers.

Preceding the ceremony, Miss Marjorie Way will sing, "O Promise Me," and "At Dawning," accompanied by Miss Ruth Ann Coddington, who will play the Lohengrin wedding music for the entrance of the bride party.

Miss Lillian Gross will be the honor maid, and will appear in a frock of poinsettia red velvet, fashioned with the fitted bodice and full skirt. With this costume she will carry an arm bouquet of yellow roses. Miss Elizabeth Wright and Miss Zella Patterson will be the bridesmaids, and will both wear frocks of silver crepe, fashioned on the same lines, and will carry arm bouquets of poinsettias.

The bridesmaids will be Misses Peggy Hornung and Jean Hooper who will wear little frocks of bright red taffeta and will carry silver baskets of rose petals. Meena Beckworth, a niece of the bride, will be the ring bearer, and will wear a dainty frock of white satin and tulle.

A reception will be held in the church parlors immediately following the ceremony. In the receiving line will be the members of the line will be the members of the bride party, Rev. and Mrs. Frank Mills, Mrs. B. L. Hooper, Mrs. W. G. Soltz, Mrs. Frank Hornung, Mrs. Clara Meyer and Mrs. John Marlin.

Mrs. Wallace Weston will have charge of the serving table, and will be assisted by the Misses Violet Schamburg, Lulu Schamburg, and Mrs. Hamlet Bishop of York. Miss Evelyn Meyers will preside at the guest book.

Late in the evening Mr. Gross and his bride will leave for a honeymoon trip to Kansas City, after which they will be at home at 3940 Sheridan boulevard.

JOSEPHINE ELLICK TO WED EDWARD CROFOOT.
Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Ellick of Omaha announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Josephine Ellick, to Edward Brooks Crofoot, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Crofoot. The announcement was made at a luncheon Saturday for eighteen guests.

Miss Ellick attended Emma Willard school in Troy, N. Y., and also attended the University of Nebraska where she is a member of Kappa Gamma.

Mr. Crofoot attended Lawrenceville school at Lawrenceville, N. J., and was graduated from the college of law of the University of Nebraska. He is a member of Beta Theta Pi Fraternity.

TO HONOR BRIDAL COUPLE AT DINNER.
Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McMillen, 2741 Stratford avenue, will preside at a family dinner this evening at their home, honoring their daughter, Miss Margaret McMillen, and her fiancé, George Marshall Powers of Washington, D. C. Dinner places will be arranged for twelve at a table made attractive with suggestions of the Christmas season, introducing tall red tapers and sprays of holly.

CHRISTMAS GUESTS OF MRS. BROWNFIELD.
Mrs. Janie Brownfield, 2401 B street will have as her Christmas guests, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Adams, and Mr. and Mrs. Chester Adams of Chicago; Rev. and Mrs. T. O. Brownfield of Wilsonville; Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Morris and son Franklin, and Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Morris of Friend, and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dowell and children, Jane Ellen and Billy, of Lincoln.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

Events Tonight.

E. J. Walt, dinner, Hotel Lincoln for store employees.

Lincoln Paint & Color Co., dinner and Christmas party, Hotel Lincoln, for employees.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McMillen, 2741 Stratford avenue, dinner, honoring their daughter, Miss Margaret McMillen, and her fiancé, George Marshall Powers, of Washington, D. C.

Marriage of Miss Meena Mills, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Frank Mills, to Paul Gross, 9:30 o'clock, Union church, College View.

Events Tuesday Morning.

Marriage of Miss Lila Perry, daughter of Judge and Mrs. E. B. Perry, 1740 D street, to Wilson M. Watkins of Wichita, Kas., at 10 o'clock, home of the bride's parents, followed by wedding breakfast.

F. F. C. CLUB MEMBERS

ENTERTAIN HUSBANDS.

The members of the F. F. C. club entertained their husbands at a covered dish dinner Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Reuter, 2020 Vine street. Covers for twenty-four guests were placed at one table, where Christmas suggestions were carried out in the decorations.

MERRITS TO BE HOSTS

AT CHRISTMAS DINNER.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger L. Merritt will entertain at a Christmas dinner at their home, and will have as their guests, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Holk and daughters, Margaret and Marjorie, of Scottsbluff; Mrs. Harriett Merritt, Miss Mable Merritt, Mrs. Margaret Maynes, William Holk and Harry Merritt.

HUNDRED EMPLOYEES WILL ATTEND DINNER.

The Lincoln Paint and Color Co. is entertaining at a dinner and Christmas party at Hotel Lincoln this evening for its employees. Covers will be arranged for one hundred at the dinner, and the evening will be devoted to exchange of Christmas gifts.

EDWARD J. WALT GIVING DINNER FOR EMPLOYEES.

Edward J. Walt will preside at a dinner at Hotel Lincoln this evening, complimentary to the employees of the Walt Music store.

Twenty-three places will be arranged at a table made attractive with Christmas decorations. An informal evening and Christmas party will follow the dinner.

MRS. PRICE ENTERTAINS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS.

Mrs. Duncan Price entertained the members of her Sunday school class of the First Baptist church, at a Christmas breakfast this morning at 9:30 o'clock, at her home in the Sias apartment. Thirteen places were arranged at one table made attractive with a holiday motif. Miss Marion Sylvester and Mrs. Parker Wickstrom were special guests.

PERSONALS.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Trimble of North Platte are spending the holidays with relatives in Lincoln.

Mrs. and Mrs. F. B. Ireland and daughters, Phyllis and Frances, will spend Christmas in Glenwood, Ia., at the home of Mrs. Ireland's cousin, Mrs. Clyde Genund, and Mr. Genund.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Toft arrived Sunday evening from Detroit, to spend two weeks at the home of Mrs. Toft's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Westering.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Watkins and daughter, Elizabeth Fisher, of Minter City, Miss., are spending the holidays at the home of Mrs. Albert Watkins and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Nisley are spending Christmas day in Omaha.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mallory and children of Omaha are the Christmas guests of relatives and friends in Lincoln.

Mrs. A. W. Nelsen, left Friday for

Boise, Ida., for a month's visit with relatives.

Miss Norma Swanson of Denver arrived Saturday to be the guest of her sister, Miss Viola Swanson during the holidays. A number of social affairs will be given in her honor during her stay in Lincoln.

Townsend—Portrait Photographer.

Adv.

HARSHMAN ESTATE CASE IS SETTLED

Surety for Original Executor, Who Died Before Affairs Settled, Will Pay Heirs \$5,000.

Litigation over the estate of George W. Harshman has been settled for \$5,000 and the case dismissed in District court.

By terms of the agreement, approved also by County Judge Reid, R. Unsicker, administrator of the estate, is to collect the money from the Massachusetts Bonding & Insurance company, the surety for the original executor of the estate.

Roscoe C. Harshman, son of George, was executor. He died before the affairs of his father's estate had been settled and Elmer Hallstrom was named his administrator. Hallstrom as well as Anna Harshman and her two sons also were parties to the suit.

Mr. Unsicker claimed that Harshman had invested nearly \$10,000 of his father's money in worthless bonds and that the sum should be paid back. The county court sustained this view. The case was then tried in District court but no decision has yet been rendered. The agreement provides that the so-called worthless bonds are to be handed over to the bonding company.

ALL POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENTS TO CLOSE CHRISTMAS

All departments of the post office will be closed Christmas day, as well as all sub stations in Lincoln.

No delivery of mail will be made in the city or on rural routes, as has been the custom for several years. Holiday collections will be made.

Postmaster Gillespie's heavy force of extra men was working over time Monday to get the stacks of mail cleared out before night. A number of last-minute packages and parcels was being posted. Carriers faced a terrific load with the accumulation of the week-end to dispose of as well as the regular holiday grist.

NINE, THEN TRIPLETS.
POZZUOLI, Italy.—(AP)—A couple here, already the parents of nine children, have contributed to the Fascist campaign for "more and better babies" with new triplets.

Pageants and Musical Programs Mark Christmas Services In Many Lincoln Churches Sunday

Religious observances of Christmas were held in all major Lincoln churches Sunday. Special Sunday school programs and pageants and musical features with a Yuletide theme attracted large crowds at both morning and afternoon services.

Elaborate services and programs were held at Westminster Presbyterian church, Sheridan boulevard and South streets. At the morning service music was rendered by the girls' choir and Edward J. Walt, violinist. Mrs. Ralph Ludwick directs the choir.

Dr. Paul C. Johnston in his sermon stated that no one could appreciate the spirit of Christmas who lacked an understanding of the oriental mind, the Bible itself being an oriental book. The Christmas stories leave much unsaid, he pointed out.

"The easterners do not have such woodenheadedness that tries to make every concept go on all fours," he said. "They are willing to admit that imagination has a real office."

Program Under the Stars.
In the afternoon the Christmas vesper service was held with the choir presenting a special musical program of carols. A Christmas drama, "The Nativity," was presented by the Sunday school.

About 1,000 spectators witnessed the out-of-doors Christmas tableau presented at the entrance of the church in the evening at 9:30 o'clock. Miss Ruth J. Easlerday was director.

"Why Christmas Is Our Greatest Celebration," was the topic of the sermon by Rev. Walter Aiken at St. Paul Methodist church, Twelfth and M streets, Sunday morning.

He compared Christmas with all other holidays in commemoration of an event or a national hero. All others are only national in their character but Christmas is the only holiday which is worldly in scope and stands the test of time.

The Sunday school entertained at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and the Epworth league at 6:30. In the evening an augmented choir presented the cantata, "The Manger Throne," under the direction of Howard Kirkpatrick.

An all musical program was given at the First Christian church, Sixteenth and K streets, Sunday evening. The choir under the direction of Anne Leonard Munger sang the cantata, "The Coming of the King." Harlan Smedley played special organ numbers.

Christmas Net a Date.
Rev. Ray E. Hunt, pastor, preached on "If Christmas Really Comes."

"Christmas is not a day or season but essentially the transforming of a spiritual experience," he said. "It comes only to hearts that can

the direction of Dean Witte, sang several numbers.

Nativity as "Big News Story."

"The World's Biggest News Story" was the topic of Dr. W. W. Robinson of Grace Methodist church. Twenty-seventh and R streets.

"If news is that which is unexpected to happen, the full Christmas record was the biggest news story because the world never anticipated angels to announce the coming of the Messiah, not a single astrologer scanned the heavens for an accompanying star and the wisemen very naturally thought that a king would be born in a palace, but they found him in a stable surrounded, not by royalty, but by shepherds and humble people. These items made good headlines for the Jerusalem Daily Journal centuries ago."

The Birth of the Messiah a Christmas drama was presented by young people of the church in the afternoon. Special music was rendered by the choir.

An annual carol service was instituted Sunday afternoon at the Second Presbyterian church, Twenty-sixth and P streets. The choir has specialized on this type of music both for Easter and for Christmas. All of the compositions sung were traditional and some of them of great antiquity, so that they were secured only with difficulty.

Miss Alice Sexton, organist, directed the choir. The soloists were George Baker, Paul Hummel, Ray Hummel, Mrs. Hummel, Madelyn Robinson, and Mary Elizabeth Rieppma. Rev. Sears F. Rieppma, the pastor, explained the traditions and associations attached to each group of carols.

In the morning, Rev. Mr. Rieppma preached on "The Redemption of Christmas."

"We are apt to think that Christmas began when people ceased writing B. C. and wrote A. D.," said the pastor. "Christmas as we know it did not begin until long after Christ was born. People, however, always made merry at the time we

Handel's "Messiah" Presented.
Selections from Handel's "Messiah" were presented by the choir at Vine Congregational church, Twenty-fifth and Vine streets, Sunday afternoon. Rev. Ervina Ingels in his sermon at the 11 o'clock service spoke of sensing God in figurative terms. Different ways of sensing the presence of God in the universe, he said, are through the tremendous, the beautiful and the appreciation of a little child and the reaction which that brings to us, he said.

At First Baptist church, Fourteenth and K streets there were candlelight vesper services with carols, solos, and music by the combined choir under the direction of Mrs. Eula Marshall Brewster.

Rev. C. H. Walcott spoke on "The Christmas Quest." The journey of the wise men should be applied to the spiritual pilgrimage of today," he said. "Let the Christmas quest be heaven blessed, heaven approved and heaven crowned," he said.

Rev. H. P. Fox of First Methodist church spoke on "The Closed Door of Bethlehem." He made a plea for tolerance in connection with the alleged struggle between science and religion. He compared the doors of science like Galileo and Darwin to closing the doors of Bethlehem.

There were two special musical numbers, "There Were Shepherds Abiding" by Vogrich and "O Holy Night" by Adam. The choir, under

call Christmas. It was a festival in honor of the sun god at the winter solstice. In Norse countries it was called Yule. In Britain, the Druids led the people into forests to cut sacred mistletoe with silver sickles. In Rome, these feasts were called Saturnalia. But everywhere they were characterized with great rejoicing.

When the Roman empire became Christian, the feasts were maintained with all the crudeness until wise Christian teachers gave them a new center and inspiration—the cradle of Bethlehem. That was much better than preaching against them. All the joy and the giving of presents and the good nature and the kindness were preserved. So Christ redeemed his own birthday. It is a picture of what He can do: Chase away the evil and make kindness more kind and beautiful because it is done for Christ's sake.

The united choirs of the Temple Baptist church, led by Mrs. Kate Miller, and of the East Lincoln Christian church, led by Mrs. H. A. McNeerney gave a vesper program Sunday at the Baptist church. Ralph Stone was organist.

The Bible school of the East Lincoln Christian church presented a Christmas program Friday evening. In the program, "White Gifts for the King," the idea was brought out that one should give self, substance and service. The story of Christ was portrayed in song and story. Each person attending brought a gift to be sent to the orphanage in Omaha.

EAST NEBRASKA GETS SNOW AND RAIN ON SUNDAY

Some light snow and rain fell on the Omaha division of the Burlington railroad Sunday night but elsewhere the weather was fair. Temperatures ranged from 10 to 48 degrees on the Missouri division and from 20 to 43 on the three eastern divisions.

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Christmas Baskets Will Be Given 451 Lincoln Families

More people and organizations giving Christmas baskets to the needy families of Lincoln are clearing through the social service exchange than ever before, according to Secretary Louis Horne of the community chest, 451 families involving 1,967 individuals having been cleared through the exchange up to noon Monday. This is a slight increase over last year and Mr. Horne attributes the increase to the larger number of donors who are taking advantage of the exchange to prevent duplication of giving and insure efficient distribution of baskets.

Organizations clearing through the exchange this year are Alpha Xi Delta, Sigma Chi, Axis club, Salvation Army, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Westminster Presbyterian church, First Presbyterian church, Second Presbyterian church, Epworth league, Grace Methodist church, Lincoln fire department, Emmanuel Congregational church, First Christian, W. A. A. L., Second Methodist, St. Paul Methodist, Trinity Methodist, Girl Ringers, the W. C. A., First Plymouth Congregational church, individuals through the Community Chest, individuals through the Social Welfare society, girls' club of the W. C. A., Temple Baptist church, D. L. chapter of P. E. O., K chapter of P. E. O.

One of the outstanding donations of the season was \$100 from an anonymous Lincoln citizen to be used in providing Christmas cheer for twenty poor families, the families to be cleared through the social service exchange and the Social Welfare society.

A number of letters addressed to Santa Claus have come to the office of the community chest and each case has been checked up and assigned to some agency or individual. A typical letter follows:

Dear Santa: I was wondering if you can please help me in making my little ones see Santa. My father is paralyzed so he is not able to work and work is so scarce for me and myself I can't afford to get Christmas things are in need of clothing overshoes stockings coats and caps I will give their ages and if you can please help me the county is heaping me but not so can make Christmas and every thing you can help me with will be appreciated I am in need of bedding to P. S. I can sew and make over this. There are five children in this family ranging from 7 to 15 years of age and they will

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Boodle Charges Filed Against Boston Council

City Solons Accused Demanding Money to Vote for Sunday Ball

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—Charges of alleged bribery today had entered the hue and cry over the failure of the Boston city council to adopt the Sunday professional sports bill.

Charles F. Adams, vice-president of the Boston National league baseball club, in a public statement, declared that a member of the council told officials of the club that they would have to pay a large sum of money, rumored at \$50,000, to secure a permit to play Sunday baseball at Braves field.

It was said the money was to be split among five men who were to start a drive for Sunday baseball. Another version said the graft charges were started to hurt one man's chances of election as president of the city council.

Councilmen File Denial.

City councilors retorted that the charges by Adams were "bunk," characterized them as "insults" and demanded a complete investigation. Adams replied that the next step was up to the council; that he stood ready to "produce the goods when necessary."

The district attorney immediately announced prompt action would be taken if the charges were officially brought to his attention and that they would be put before the grand jury.

Ball Magnates Stand Pat.

Judge Emil Fuchs, president of the Braves, sent word from Belmont, N. Y., that Vice President Adams would have the full support and backing of his president.

Bob Quinn, president of the Boston Red Sox, issued a statement to the effect that no person or persons ever approached him.

The Sunday sports bill was adopted by a referendum vote at the last state election, but the Boston city council, when the measure came up for local adoption under the new law, laid it on the table.

Big Ten Cagers Show Off In Prelim Tests

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The Big Ten's preliminary basketball campaign lapses into comparative dullness this week, with only three or four games programmed.

Saturday night, Lombard plays at Wisconsin, Chicago at DePaul, and Cornell college of Iowa at Minnesota.

The Pittsburgh-Iowa game, cancelled recently because of the influenza wave, may be played Saturday night, as scheduled.

Big Ten teams showed better form last week, when the Big Ten's preliminary games against some of the fastest aggregations in the midwest. Only Purdue, which lost to Butler, and Ohio State, which was trounced by Pittsburgh, failed to come through.

Iowa's victories over Washington university and Marquette last week stamped the Hawkeyes as a big threat in the conference race, starting Jan. 5.

AMERICA'S BEST TO CROSS OCEAN

Leading Golf Pros Urged Go Over In Body to Down Europeans.

AVALEN, Santa Catalina, Cal., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Walter Hagen, captain of the American Ryder cup team, today invited professional golfers from all over the country to accompany the team abroad in a wholesale invasion of Scotland, Great Britain, Germany and France.

Professionals who are planning to play in the British open championship at Muirfield, Scotland, may travel with the Ryder team and then continue on to Germany for the German open tournament, which will be played at the Berlin golf club the third week in May. A match has been arranged with a French team in Paris after the German event.

Robert Harlow, Hagen's manager, is making arrangements for the invasion, he said. Harlow, who will precede the Ryder cup team to Scotland, plans to secure houses in Leeds and North Berwick in order to insure proper living conditions and good food.

The Ryder matches are scheduled to be played at Leeds April 25 and 26.

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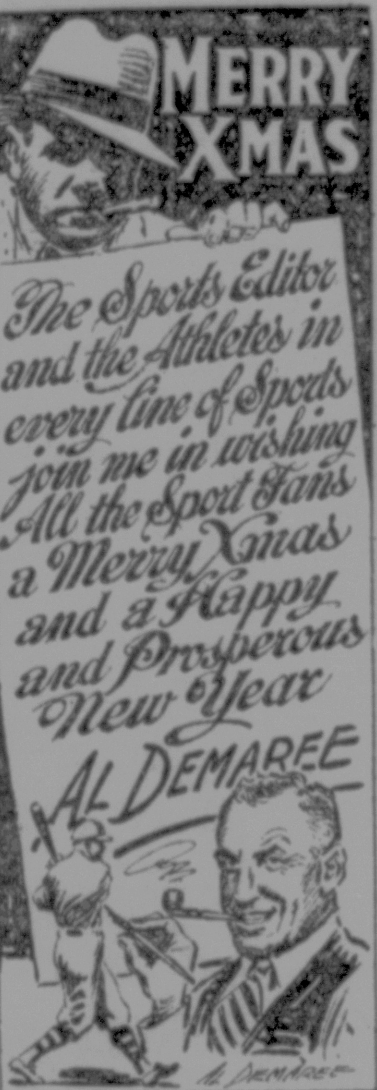
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May '29 Bring You Health, Happiness



Reese Has Advantage In Battle of Andys

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(I. N. S.)—At present, Andy Reese has the call over Andy Cohen in the "battle of the Andys" for the second base job on the New York Giants next year, according to Manager John J. McGraw. Reese replaced the young Jewish star late last season when Cohen's hitting fell off.

"Cohen is a real ball player, but he will have to win the job back from Reese," says McGraw. "With his ambition, he was in the penalty box in the last period the Cougars scored against the weakened Americans. Cooper and Herbers made the scores."

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Detroit Puts Over Ice Hockey Victory

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Rough playing by the New York Americans was named today for their 2 to 0 defeat by Detroit here last night in a National Hockey league contest. "Punch" Broadbent, New York right wing, drew three two-minute penalties and while he was in the penalty box in the last period the Cougars scored against the weakened Americans. Cooper and Herbers made the scores."

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OMAHA WRITER SLINGING BUNK

Grinds Out Wild Story Wilce Will Be Coach; Chamberlain Here.

OMAHA, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The Omaha Bee-News in its Sunday home edition says that despite many denials from authorities at Lincoln, it has been learned from a reliable source that Dr. Jack Wilce, former Ohio State coach, has been offered the position of football coach at the University of Nebraska.

And it is an even bet that Dr. Wilce will accept the offer, says the Bee-News. It also is reported by the newspaper that in the event of his accepting the position he would be made curator of athletics and would be in charge of all intramural sports.

Harvard is said to be angling for the former Ohio State coach to succeed Arnold Harwood should the latter fail to return to his alma mater. If Harwood gives up the position, the Bee-News says that Wilce will be named as coach at the Cambridge school.

On the other hand, if that proposition fails, though, the newspaper declares that Wilce will accept the position offered him at Nebraska.

In the event that Wilce accepts the Harvard offer, the Bee-News states that Paul Schissler, former Husker star and present Oregon Aggie coach, will be offered the Nebraska assignment.

Plain Case of Bunk.

Claim made by the Bee-News that the Nebraska vacancy had been offered to Dr. Jack Wilce was described Monday by Cornhusker athletics officials as a "plain case of bunk." Nebraska authorities, in fact, made their statement so strong as to declare that Wilce was not, to their knowledge, a candidate for the Nebraska coaching job and that he had not at any time been considered for the place.

The Bee-News yarn, as a matter of fact, is a flagrant example of wild guessing as to what really is going on in connection with Nebraska's quest for a new coach. That something tangible has been accomplished, Nebraska authorities do not deny, but no official announcement can be made at the present time.

Guy Chamberlain Here.

Arrival of B. Guy Chamberlain, former Cornhusker halfback star, in Lincoln Sunday night started tongues wagging. Chamberlain, who is here with his wife to visit Nebraska relatives during the holidays, has many supporters for the coaching job.

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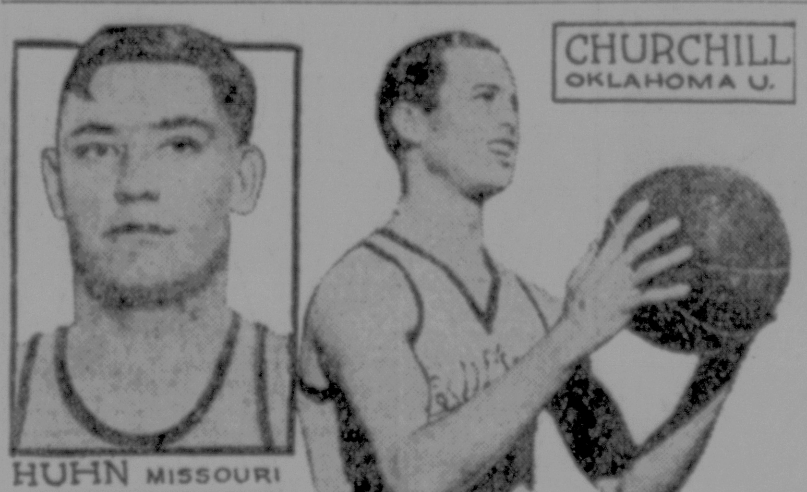
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CURTAIN DROPS ON GRID SPORT

Football Due Wink Out After Holidays Games On Coast Fields.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The football season winds up with a few appropriate flourishes on the Pacific coast within the next fortnight. The east-west fray, assuming something of the proportions of an All-American convention, will revive this Saturday the argument that Stanford and Oregon State started in New York. The New Year's day classic at Pasadena between Georgia Tech and California will have considerable to do with the final ranking of major teams for 1928.

East vs. West at Frisco. The all-star game at San Francisco, played for the benefit of the Shriner's hospital for crippled children, is of more than usual interest as a test between the talent of east and west, who will clash head-on in spirit of all that Kipling had to say about it.

Howard Harper of Carnegie, the east's greatest quarterback, will direct the eastern attack, which not only hopes to offset the sting of several well known defeats this year but turn the tables on the west for the first time in this all-star event. The east has been marshaling its forces at the Golden Gate for the past three years without a victory to show for its efforts.

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MEETS MASTER IN LINKS TEST

Walter Hagen One Stroke Behind Horton Smith at Catalina.

AVALEN, Santa Catalina Island, Cal., Dec. 24.—(AP)—The army of winter golfers headed back to the California mainland today in search of other battlegrounds with Horton Smith, one of its younger members, holding major honors in the \$2500 Catalina Island open golf tournament which closed yesterday.

Smith, young Joplin, Mo., professional blazed as noteworthy a golfing trail as southern California has seen to win first honors. With golf that was faultless the 21-year-old Missourian clubbed his way to victory over Walter Hagen, dean of professionals, by one stroke and other nationally known amateurs and professionals by eleven. He toured the short but difficult nine-hole layout in the par-smashingly aggregate of 245 strokes, 11 under the figure of the 72 holes. His card, 68-68-61-63,

RADIO GREETINGS FOR SHIPS FROZEN IN THE FAR NORTH

Christmas greetings to three Hudson Bay ships frozen in the ice will be extended from Ottawa by radio tomorrow by the radio branch of the department of marine. The Yuletide wishes of the government radio headquarters will be broadcast also to its five stations in the Canadian north and to two mining exploration parties at Baker lake at the head of Chesterfield Inlet and at Misuk taken bay on the west side of Hudson bay.

Ku Klux Klan For Congressmen

PIKEVILLE, Ky., Dec. 24 — John W. Langley, former congressman from the Tenth district who was paroled from Atlanta penitentiary December 18, 1926, after serving eleven months on a liquor charge and was given a full parole last Saturday, today sent his constituents a Christmas message saying that his wife, Mrs. Katherine Langley, who replaced him in the legislature, would not be a candidate for success herself in 1930.

Mr. Langley said he had not made up his mind yet whether he would run for office again next year. His former congressman was restored to citizenship by President Coolidge.

gress while his case charging violation of the liquor laws was in court, but resigned when he lost his appeal.

ROTARY'S DAUGHTER DAY FEATURED BY CHRISTMAS REVUE

A program suggestive of the holiday season was presented at the annual daughters luncheon of the Lincoln Rotary club Monday noon at the Lincoln hotel.

Betty Pae Ward's 1928 Christmas revue composed entirely of juvenile dancers and singers, featured the program. The prologue number was a recitation, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," by Virginia Butler. Robert Hudson followed with

preceding the revue, candy, flowers and other gifts were presented to the guests.

The conversion of a garage into a bootlegger's haunt was revealed to C. D. HEDUND by a neighbor the morning when he found that a garage to the rear of his home had been entered during the night. The remnants of a still, five-gallon jug, twenty one-gallon jugs and one half gallon of booze were found in the garage Mr. Hedund had rented for the past two months to a youth whose name he did not know.

Mr. Hedund called Deputy Sheriff James Davis and arranged that the next officer to arrest the youth when he called to pay his rent today. Instead, however, the distiller became wary and Sunday night stole the remaining jugs and other material in the garage.

TO POOR CHILDREN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24—(P)—Mrs. Calvin Coolidge adopted again today the role of assistant to Santa Claus by attending the annual Christmas meeting of the Central Union mission, at which Christmas boxes are distributed to needy youngsters of the city.

The meeting was held in Keith's theater and Mrs. Coolidge appeared in costume and made a short speech to the youngsters. Later she presented Santa Claus with a great bouquet of roses, which she said were from herself and the children for "Mrs. Santa Claus."

BASKET TOURISTS ON WAY TO COAST

Continuing its 6,000 mile barnstorming tour, the University of North Dakota basketball team left here today for Ogden, Utah, where Wednesday and Thursday it meets Brigham Young university and the Utah Aggies.

The "Nomads of the North" will play four games in Utah, opposing B. Y. U. at Provo, December 28-29, and then will start for Los Angeles, where they meet the University of California, Southern Branch Jan. 4. North Dakota opposes Washington university January 7-8 at Seattle.

COMPLAINT FILED.

A complaint charging seven prizefighters at the Delta Club fraternity with petit larceny was filed in Municipal court Monday morning. The

decorated Christmas tree from in front of Bruce Shurtliff's furniture store at 133 E. street on the night of December 15. The tree, in the complaint, is valued at \$15 and the decorations at \$30. The seven boys facing the charge are: Matt M. Johnson, Rolland Beatty, Arthur Voss, Small, George Whittier and Joe Mach.

GOLFERS OF EAST GATHER IN DIXIE

PINEHURST N. C., Dec. 24.—Eastern golf stars were gathering here today for the twenty-sixth mid-winter tournament of the Pinehurst country club, beginning on Wednesday.

George Dunlap, jr., of New York,

the title for the past three years,
was one of the early arrivals.

Minerva's Mail

Take Your Troubles To Minerva

Subject of Conversation.

It is the unfortunate marriage that comes in for all the discussion. No, it isn't often that we hear the ladies over their sewing telling how Mr. and Mrs. What-Not got along so beautifully, and Mr. and Mrs. So-and-so never speak a quarrelsome word. No, indeed.

It's "Have you heard? The What-you-may-call-ems are having trouble. They say he drinks. And Mrs. Something-or-other danced every other dance with that smooth stranger from somewhere." Yes, the unfortunate marriages need no paid press agents. They get their publicity free. And we take it in and sigh that the men are all rotters, and women can't be trusted. There was one wormy car in the corn patch. We jump at the conclusion that the whole patch must be wormy.

"Man Hater" wrote a letter, the theme of which is suggested by her nom de plume. She plucked a bad ear, therefore there isn't an ear in the patch worth cultivating. "Mrs.

P. L. G." agrees emphatically. Good men? There ain't nary such an animal, says she.

Dear Minerva: This is in answer to the letter from "Manhater." I agree with "Manhater." She certainly has the right idea. I have a very dear friend who married when very young and had six children by a never-do-well husband.

When the children were small he gave her to understand that she would have to support her children or they would go ragged. What could she do? She was a proud woman and wouldn't let them know that she was beaten. She turned her mother's home into a boarding house. She got up at five and seldom saw her bed before midnight. She worked hard, gave her children a fine education, married them off well and they appreciated it. And now that her children are all married, well—her husband sits around and takes all the credit for her work.

Now, Minerva, this is only one case. There are hundreds of them.

There's another one who had three children. Her husband was an irresponsible person and just threw up the job and left it to her.

Today she is a rich woman. Her children all went to college and are settled in business. Of course, she divorced him years ago. She would have married again, but she was so disillusioned that she didn't care to try the experiment again.

I'm out in the business world and have been for many years. It's the same old story everywhere you turn—mothers supporting their children and doing without themselves. All men think of is being well fed and having their own way. Of course, I will say there are some decent men, but they are so few and far between.

Take any city block for instance. The majority of the homes are being supported by the mother's toil. You would think the husbands were dead. They are just as good as dead.

Yes, "Man Hater" is right. Instead of the mothers being home taking care of their children the way they should be taught, they have to work.

But men—they go their carefree way. They are never bothered with children and such. It's a wonder their consciences don't hurt. Where will all this end?

And then they kick because a woman won't have any children. Do you blame them? Would you want to tackle something, not knowing what the outcome of it would be? To go through all that suffering not knowing whether your child would be supported and have the right sort of a home?

You know, Minerva, that every woman has the right to be happy. I think you were quite fair to "Man Hater" in your answer to her.

"Different" Act At Club Is Dry Raid

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—They thought it was "another of those 'different' acts staged by the management of the Club Algers.

But it wasn't. It was only a dry raid. An old act for the raiders: new for the club Algers, exclusive rendezvous for residents of the Chicago Gold Coast.

"Oh, I say," expostulated one gentleman, as an axe hewed a hole in the wall quite close to his head. Finally a man crawled through. He doffed his silk hat.

"Pardon me," he said, "but this is a raid. I'll have to come in this way. And he did. So did others, similarly garbed in evening dress. The Afghan legion at Paris in announcing this said that King Amanullah was endeavoring to rally his partisans there. It was added that order reigned at Kabul.

The evacuation of the women and children was done at the consent of the Afghanistan government. They were taken to Peshawar in the northwest frontier province of India. There it was said that the party numbered twelve women and five children and included Lady Humphreys, wife of the minister, and Mrs. J. B. Gould. Reports reaching New Delhi, however, said that twenty persons had been removed, seven of them Europeans and the remainder Indians.

The refugees said that the residence of the British military attaché had been destroyed by shell fire during fighting between rebel and loyal troops at Kabul. The legion had been enveloped by the rebel advance and communications with Kabul cut off for some time. It was continually endangered by cross fire of loyal troops on one side and rebels on the other.

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"Then it's all settled?" she asked archly. "I can tell father when we get home?"

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"Now don't tell me you're not courageous!" She smiled upon him. "I know you're big and strong and brave. I knew it the minute I saw you. Do you remember when that was the first time?"

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"Oh, yes, you do," she purred. "You looked as if—as if you'd seen a vision. I guess you knew, even then, that it was fate. You were standing on the steps of the consulate, and I rode by."

Rodney remembered now. It was the evening of the day he had arrived on the little tropical island, and he had stood on the veranda, looking out over the sea; out into the sunset and those endless miles of crimsoned water that separated him from home and all that was dear to him; out beyond the horizon to where, in some foreign port, the girl he loved might also be looking at a setting sun.

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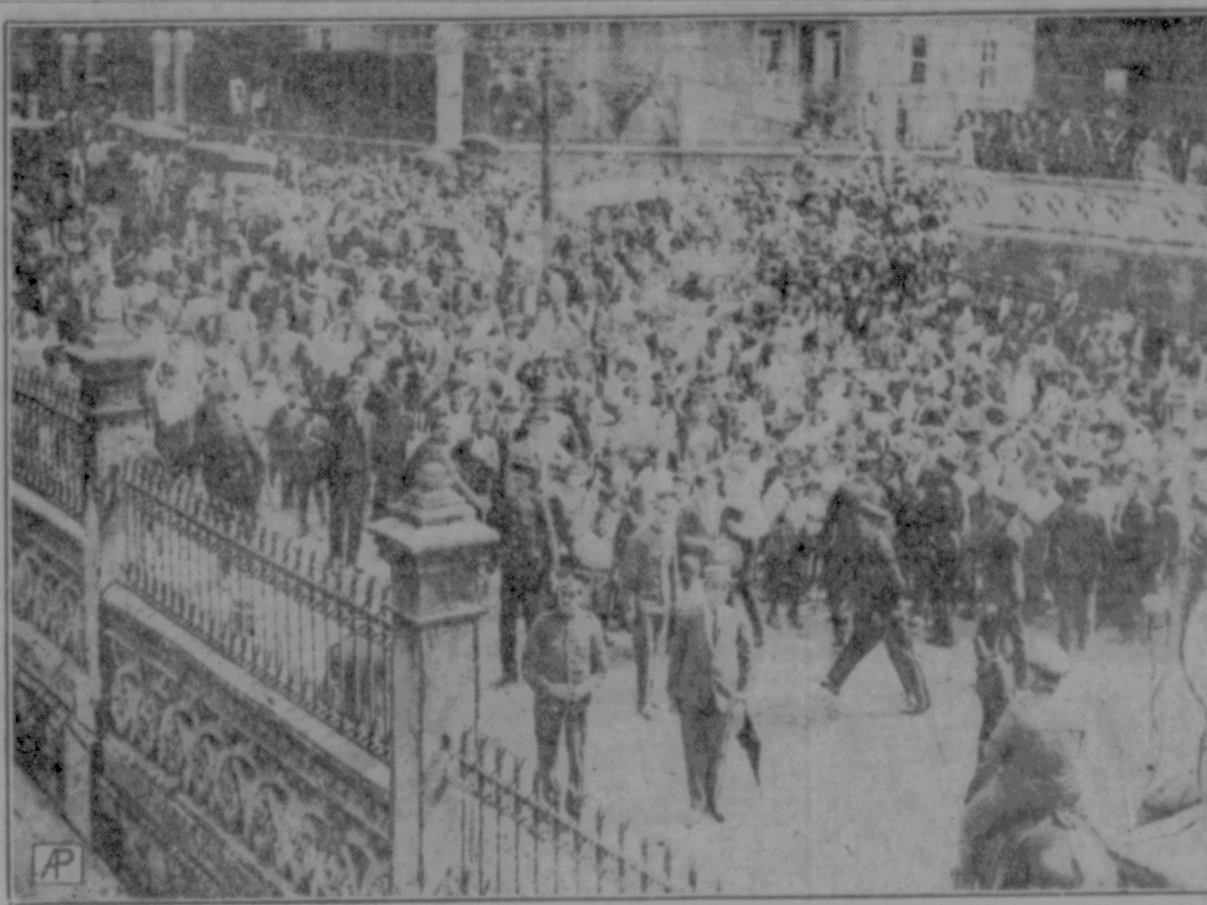
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Half an hour later, he was ready to greet the passengers who were coming ashore. The first one he laid eyes on was Louis Van Dorn. And behind him, Shirley!

(To Be Continued.)

Crowds Greeting Hoover in Costa Rica.



Crowds in San Jose, Costa Rica, welcoming President-elect Herbert Hoover and his party.

EUROPEANS FLEE KABUL PLANE

Score of Women and Children Evacuated as Rebels Force Fighting.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—British and Indian women and children have been evacuated safely from the British legation at Kabul, Afghanistan, by airplane.

In the meantime King Amanullah and Queen Souria have transferred their court from Kabul to Kandahar. The Afghan legation at Paris in announcing this said that King Amanullah was endeavoring to rally his partisans there. It was added that order reigned at Kabul.

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DUNCAN DANCERS TOO YOUNG, THREE TO BE DEPORTED

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Three of eleven girl proteges of the late Isadora Duncan, who arrived here aboard the liner Caronia for a dancing tour, today faced deportation because they are under the age limit of 16 years.

The three, who were held last night on the ship pending transfer to Ellis Island, are Elena, Lilla and Vera, aged 13, 14 and 15. With their eight companions, who were admitted, they were brought from Russia by Miss Ilma Dusean, adopted daughter of Isadora, and head of the school Isadora founded in Moscow. All are pupils of the school.

The group plans a six months' tour of the United States.

HOPE IS KEPT ALIVE FOR HONEYMOONERS

Grand Canyon Searchers Expect to Find Trace of Lost Couple When Abandoned Scow Is Reached.

GRAND CANYON, Ariz., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Hope still is maintained here that some trace of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hyde, honeymoon adventurers who disappeared while traveling down the Colorado river in a homemade scow, would be found by the two searching parties which have been scanning the river in the vicinity of Diamond Creek canyon. Although no direct word came from the searchers yesterday, one of the parties, headed by Emory Kolb and Chief Ranger Brooks of the Grand Canyon National park, was presumed to be working its way down the treacherous river in a boat. It was believed to be in the vicinity of Diamond creek, where army aviators last week located the Hyde scow, abandoned but apparently intact.

The second party, headed by H. C. Hyde, father of the missing man, had been searching the canyon walls near Separation rapids, where the scow was found. Hyde has offered \$1,000 for information leading to the finding of the couple. The searching parties were expected to meet some time today.

So far as known, no one has seen the missing couple since they left here in their scow on November 18 on a "thrill trip" over the dangerous river rapids. Needles, Calif., was their destination, which they expected to reach December 5.

The aviators who located the boat reported that all equipment, including the scow, appeared to be intact, giving the searchers hope that some clue to the fate of the Hydes will be revealed when they reach the craft.

FACTION FIGHT FATAL TO TWO

Troops Quell Riot Precipitated in Argentine Railway Station.

SAN JUAN, Argentina, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Two persons have been killed in a clash between two political factions, one composed of followers of President Yrigoyen and the other anti-personalistists. Several persons were wounded in the encounter which occurred in the railway station.

The station was thronged in expectation of the arrival of Modestino Pizarra, federal intervenor. Soldiers and mounted troops were rushed to the scene and took up strategic positions around the station dispensing the crowd. The station was placed under guard and no one was permitted to enter it until after the arrival of the intervenor.

HOLIDAY FLYER LEAVES TRACK

Sixty Passengers on Texas Train Bruised; One Woman Dies.

PALESTINE, Tex., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Bruised and shaken, holiday home-comers again were enroute to their various destinations today while workmen cleared the International Great Northern tracks near here of wreckage caused by the derailment of a fourteen-car special train yesterday afternoon, which interrupted their journey.

The only fatality was an unidentified woman. About sixty passengers were injured, but most of them continued after receiving emergency treatment.

Running four hours late and loaded to capacity with Christmas travelers, many of whom were students from eastern and northern universities, the train struck a broken rail on a curve at Neches, Tex. The locomotive and baggage car passed over safely but a day coach, diner, and seven Pullmans went off the tracks to pile up at grotesque angles in water and mud along the right-of-way. Three rear Pullmans kept the rails.

The woman, who died enroute to Jacksonville, Tex., was found entangled in her waist in the mud and slush. She had broken from her

Pullman and fought her way clear of the wreck and was overlooked by the first rescue workers.

H. R. Safford, executive vice president of the road, in an official statement declared that "the derailment was caused by a broken rail of standard section on full ballasted track and giving no outward indication of any defect."

A special train made up here carried the vacation travelers to Houston this morning.

MUSSOLINI GETS OVATION. ROME, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Premier Mussolini received an ovation when he appeared last night unannounced at the final invitation dress rehearsal of the Opera Norma at the Royal Opera house. Flanked by Under Secretary of State Giunta and Prince Boncompagni Ludovisi, Governor of Rome, the premier responded to the vivas of the audience with a Roman salute while the orchestra played Giovinezza. The regular opera season began through out Italy on Wednesday.

A merry Christmas To all. Father John's Medicine.

and we are very happy to have had the pleasure of knowing you and serving you

- To our -
friends and patrons

WE REPEAT THE GRAND OLD MESSAGE

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CHAPTER 47. The Tightest Net.

On a narrow shelf of rock, halfway between the sea and the crater of the dead volcano, Isabelle Bannerman ordered her chauffeur to spread a square of fine damask, distribute rugs and cushions, and set out the viands for a cold repast. Then she dismissed him and the car. The horses she and Rodney had ridden were picketed nearby.

"The moon will rise in two hours," she said decisively, as if she had personally ordered its appearance at that particular time and there would be no hitch in the program. Rodney was forced to smile. He was very uncomfortable. He had never before been so completely marooned with this determined young woman. He felt the need of conversation, so he said:

"I believe you'd make a good business woman, Miss Bannerman."

She nodded, busy with a spirit-lamp.

"I take after my father. I always know what I want and I go after it."

Feeling that the conversation was taking the wrong trend, Rodney attempted to change the subject hastily, but she would have none of it.

"I don't believe in beating around the bush, do you? I admire perfect candor."

"It takes great courage to be frank, sometimes," he said, with a smile. She made an impatient gesture.



Chapter 47.—"Call me Isabelle. I've been calling you Rodney for ever so long..."

"You're thinking of the conventions. Now I don't give a rap for them."

Under cover of lighting a cigarette, he hid a grin. It was very evident that she didn't! In all his life, he had never seen a young woman who so frankly reversed the accustomed order of things and deliberately engineered a courtship.

She said, sitting, with her chin in her hand and her elbow resting on her knee: "We live close to nature down here. For all that, I'm civilized. Our main concerns are primitive."

"I suppose so," murmured Rodney uncomfortably. "Isn't that a liner yonder—just where that pink cloud seems to touch the sea?" He pointed hopefully toward the horizon.

But Miss Bannerman was not to be diverted.

"I dare say," she cast a careless glance seaward and then returned to Rodney.

"I said, just a minute ago, that I was a business woman; that I always knew what I wanted and went after it. I mean that. I have waited a long time for you to say what I know you want to say, but don't dare, because my father's

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